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RUMANIA DRAMA TAKES NEW TURN

BROAD BASIS OF MUTUAL GUARANTEES

London, To-day.

The project of a collective security conference as suggested by Soviet Russia, though not rejected by the British Government, is regarded as offering danger if loss of valuable time.

The suggestion of a joint declaration by Britain, France and Soviet Russia would be more advisable, under the circumstances. These Powers will immediately act in concert in the event of a further act of political aggression, the declaration will say.

It is apparent that the term "political aggression" will give a broader basis than originally intended.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS

Paris, To-day.

The French Government plans to establish a Ministry for Propaganda and Ministry of Munitions, states the "L'Intransigeant."

These measures can be taken by the Government by virtue of the emergency powers conferred on it by Parliament.

When, at the end of this week, President Lebrun returns from his State visit to London, a Council of Ministers will make the necessary decisions. — Trans-Ocean.

HOLLAND TO STAY NEUTRAL

Amsterdam, To-day.

Holland is fully determined to adhere to the policy of strict neutrality and is unaware of any threat to its security, declared N. Lievergoed, head of the press department of the Dutch Government yesterday, repudiating the reports on the attitude adopted here towards events in Central Europe.

Britain, he added, had not invited Holland to participate in any conference in connection with these developments.—Trans-Ocean.

Nazi Economic Envoy's Recall Reported

Paris, To-day.

Dramatic new developments in the situation in Rumania, reported here from Bucharest but not yet officially confirmed, suggest that a crisis may be imminent.

Most sensational of the reports announces that the trade agreement between Rumania and Germany, by which Germany was granted certain concessions in the oil and grain markets, but which rejected the German demand for a monopoly, will not be signed to-day.

It is alleged that the German negotiator, Herr Wohlthat, has been recalled to Berlin.

Paris papers also carry a report to the effect that the Rumanian mobilisation has led to unforeseen consequences.

Political quarters, following recent reports that Hungary had been requested to give free passage to German troops, fear that further pressure in the economic field will be exerted on Rumania, with the threat of invasion from the Hungarian frontier.

A London report states that M. Tilea is carrying with him to Bucharest a message for King Carol from Lord Halifax.

SOVIET STATEMENT

Moscow, To-day.

The Russian Government has officially denied rumours that Soviet Russia had promised assistance to Poland and Rumania, pointing out that these countries had not asked Russia help.

The official Russian statement adds that Great Britain informed the Soviet on March 18 of "serious reasons to fear a violation of Rumania" asking the Soviet Government to define its attitude in such an eventuality.—Trans-Ocean.

SPANISH PEACE TALKS PROGRESS

Paris, To-day.

A radio agency reported yesterday that negotiations between General Franco and the National Defence Council in Madrid are making speedy headway.

No details are available of the nature of these discussions or of the likely peace-term.—Trans-Ocean.

AN ODD RUMOUR

Paris, To-day.

Rumours were circulating in the French capital last evening about a pacific settlement of Italian claims, on the basis of the erection of a free port in Djibouti and the grant of guaranteed status for Italians living in Tunisia.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY'S WARNING TO LITHUANIA

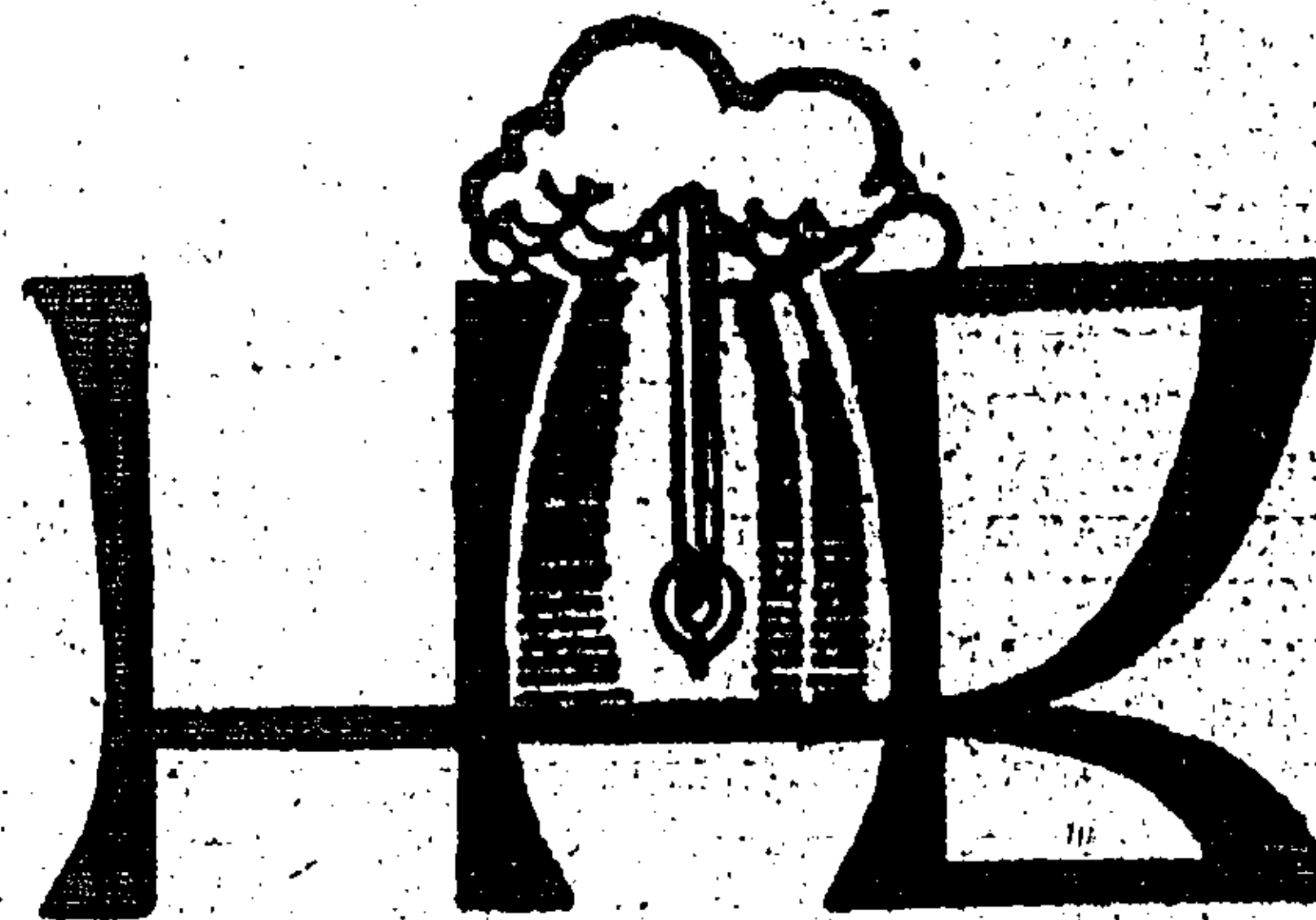
"In the event of resistance by Lithuania, German troops will march and there can be no guarantee of the extent of the action taken."

This, according to latest messages from Kaunas, was one of the terms employed in the German communication to Lithuania concerning the Memel question.

Lithuania has agreed to the German terms, which included arrangements for closer economic collaboration between Germany and Lithuania and the concession of special privileges to Lithuania in Memel.

Trans-Ocean adds that before leaving Berlin, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister promised to bring the question before the Lithuanian Cabinet immediately and to facilitate a rapid solution of the issue.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

RUSSIA BUILDING NEW GRAND HIGH SEA FLEET

To Destroy Enemy In His Own Waters

Big Ships Under Construction

M. Frinovsky, the new Commissar for Naval Affairs, writing in the "Pravda," on the coming-of-age of the Soviet Fleet, declares that Russia is going to have a Grand High Seas Fleet which will be capable of attacking and destroying an enemy in its own waters.

He claims that the Soviet dockyards have in "these last few years built and equipped many new warships, which not only are no worse but actually are better than the ships of Imperialist fleets."

NAZI MILITARY GAIN FROM ANNEXATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

London, To-day.

As far as he was aware, the manpower of the German army would remain unaffected by the annexation of Bohemia and Moravia, said the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, answering questions in the House of Commons yesterday.

Asked whether it was not the case that there was first-class equipment for a new army, including 700 first-class planes and the whole of the Skoda Works, Mr. Butler said it was "difficult to give information."

Col. Sir Lambert Ward (Conservative) interjected with the remark that the Czech heavy guns and rifles being of a different calibre, the advantage gained by Germany was not as great as suggested. — *Reuter*.

PITTMAN MOVE TO KILL NEUTRALITY ACT

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

ENQUIRIES IN THE LOBBIES SHOW THAT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE GUIDED BY THE ACTION OF THE SENATE REGARDING SENATOR KEY PITTMAN'S RESOLUTION FOR ABOLITION OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT.

If the Senate approves, the House of Representatives is expected to follow suit shortly.

Supporters of the Administration believe they command sufficient votes to pass the measure, although stiff opposition is expected from Senator Gerald Nye, Senator William Borah and others.

This opposition may even lead to a "filibuster," but in the present would public opinion, a filibuster utility. — *Reuter*.

"Our shipbuilding industry," he adds, "has already learned to build ships of all classes and is handing them over to the navy by big groups."

LONG-RANGE 'PLANES

"During the third Five-Year Plan" — ending 1942 — our naval forces will be reinforced by powerful big ships armed with long-range guns. Naval aviation will receive new and perfect 'planes."

Elsewhere M. Frinovsky mentions that the Red naval air arm has already been reinforced by new machines with high ceiling and long range.

The "Izvestia" mentions that the reconstruction has been completed of the cruiser Red Caucasus, and also makes a vague reference to the launching of a "new and powerful ship," proving that the Soviet dockyards have now "come of age" technically.

This and dozens of other newspaper articles celebrate the Red army and Red fleets "coming of age." All declare that the Red army was organised by Lenin and Stalin.

Russia's readiness to resist aggression is readily contrasted with the liquidation tactics of Western democracies.

"Fascist aggressors madly prepare for a big war, encouraged by the ruling circles of the so-called 'democratic' Powers of England and France," writes The General Staff organ, "Red Star."

PEACE HANGS ON BRITAIN AND RUSSIA

London, Mar. 16.

Whether there will be peace or war in Europe depends on what relation exist between London and Moscow, M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador to Great Britain, declared at a dinner offered at the Grosvenor House last night by the Machine Tool Trades Association.

"Britain's problem is that of exports, while Soviet-Russia's concerns internal trade, consequently the paths of the two countries do not cross," M. Maisky added. — *Havas*.

BOMB THROWN NEAR BRATISLAVA

Berlin, To-day.
Over 40 arrests have been made in connexion with a bomb outrage near Bratislava, in which a bomb was thrown at the house of the German district leader, and at a German in the street.
Neither bomb caused any injury. — *Reuter*.

BRITAIN DEPENDS ON CHINA'S TRADE

London, Mar. 16.

A lengthy article on trade relations between Great Britain and China appeared in this morning's edition of the "Financial Times."

"The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Quo Tai Chi, spoke on the vital need to open trading relations when he addressed the Chamber of Commerce in Sheffield yesterday," the paper stated. "He thought that the future would show what the past had proved, that on the balance, China was Great Britain's greatest potential customer. That was bound to be so, not only because their needs and services were mutually complementary, and not because they had tested each others characters, but also because they had tried out each other's attitude. The threat to the 'Open Door' principle was a threat to the very lifeline of British prosperity, not only in the interests of main-

ANGLO-GERMAN NAVAL PACT PROVISIONS

London, To-day.

Reports have appeared in some quarters that the German Government is considering denunciation of the Anglo-German Naval Treaty of 1935.

It is pointed out here that the Treaty contains no provision for denunciation. The position is that it can only be legally terminated by mutual consent of the two parties.

It is stated that no approach in this sense has been made by the German Government. — *British Wireless*.

NO APPROACH TO AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, stated that no communication had been addressed to the United States Government regarding the Central European situation by any Government.

Mr. Welles added that nor had the United States Government exchanged views on the situation with any other government. — *Reuter*.

taining treaties intact, but in asserting the right of full trade." — *Havas*.

F.B.I. TRADE AGREEMENT AT DUSSELDORF MAY BE VETOED BY GOVERNMENT

London, To-day.

IN the course of a reply to a House of Commons question on the agreement recently concluded at Dusseldorf between representatives of the Federation of British Industries and the Reichsgruppeindustrie, the President of the Board of Trade said it was clear the whole position needed examination in the light of events of last week.

Mr. Oliver Stanley intimated he had asked the representatives of the F.B.I. to discuss the matter with him, and in a supplementary reply he emphasised he had asked for the discussion solely because of the new circumstances arising from the German action in Czechoslovakia.

Referring to reports which he had seen of criticism of the agreement in friendly foreign countries, the Minister urged members to

study the full text of the agreement, claiming that the criticisms in question were largely based on misunderstanding or misrepresentation of the actual agreement.

CZECH TRADE

In another Commons answer, Mr. Stanley said that protection of British trade interests in Czechoslovakia, to which British exports in 1938 amounted to \$2,287,000, was under consideration. — *British Wireless*.

Joint Declaration To Create United Front Against Nazis

LIKELY TO BE COUCHED IN GENERAL TERMS

London, To-day.

A joint declaration announcing the four powers' solidarity in the event of further German acts of aggression, which Britain is sponsoring, will probably be couched in general terms, writes a diplomatic observer.

It is understood the document will contain no definite commitments or elaborate clauses. The text is being considered by the four Governments concerned — Britain, France, the Soviet and Poland — and nothing official is likely to emerge until to-day or to-morrow (Thursday).

HOSTILITY IN U.S. TO COTTON SUBSIDY

Washington, To-day.

The George resolution, to prevent subsidised cotton exports, is reputed to have wide support in the Senate and to have a good chance of passage if it is permitted to come to the vote.

The resolution was introduced under proceedings enabling it to come directly before the Senate without prior committee consideration.

Meanwhile, talk of early announcement of a cotton subsidy continues.

It is rumoured that 1,600,000 bales held under the 1934 loan may be offered for export at four cents below the world market, and that \$40,000,000 will be made available from customs receipts for subsidy.

SOUTHERN OPPOSITION

Nothing official thus far is known but the trade is wondering what if any effect on the subsidy plans the determined Southern opposition now developing may have.

The situation is thus confused, though the Secretary for Agriculture, Mr. Henry A. Wallace, told the House of Representatives agricultural committee yesterday that the cotton surplus was so large that some necessity must be directed towards foreign markets.

PRICE SUPPORT

Mr. Wallace also said that "income and price supporting devices" of the present farm programme should be continued.

He again opposed sweeping changes in the Farm Bill, and advocated processing taxes as necessary for the removal of surpluses and the regaining of world markets. — Reuter.

FLOGGING BAN EXPECTED TO GO

The anti-flogging clause is likely to be defeated when the Criminal Justice Bill is considered in committee stage this month. Conservative M.P.s considered the clause privately recently. Many spoke against it. When it is probably be withdrawn.

While the Russians and Poles are desirous that the documents should contain clauses binding the signatories to take action, it is believed that British circles favour an immediate general declaration which does not exclude the possibility of definite military commitments or even an international conference afterwards, should the signatories desire.

QUESTION OF TIME

It is felt that a conference at the present time would be extremely inconvenient, especially if held in Bucharest, as it is understood the Russians are suggesting, while elaboration of specific commitments would take too much time.

It is emphasised that the fact that negotiations are proceeding with the Russians over drafting of a declaration should not be interpreted as disagreement.

It is emphasised that the present negotiations concern methods rather than general principles.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE

Deep interest is being taken in the attitude of Italy, which will doubtless be clarified by Mussolini's speech next Sunday.

The departure of the Italian Ambassador in Berlin for Rome has aroused comment in diplomatic circles, as also have Paris rumours of French approaches to Italy, which hitherto have been denied.

The Polish and Turkish envoys conferred with the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, yesterday.

BONNET-HALIFAX TALKS

M. Georges Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, who is accompanying the French President on his London visit, is seeing Lord Halifax to-day when they are likely to discuss the declaration and the concrete form which it is to be given.

M. Titea, the Rumanian Minister, who called at the Foreign Office yesterday, is returning to Bucharest to-day. — Reuter.

comes before the House Sir Samuel Hoare will support it; the Conservatives will oppose.

The fact that many High Court Judges favour continuance of flogging is certain to inflame M.P.s, and in view of the feeling of the House the clause will probably be withdrawn.

CZECH BALANCES IN LONDON

London, To-day. In the House of Commons yesterday the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, introduced a Bill to implement the decision instructing banks to withhold Czechoslovakian balances of gold and securities without the Treasury. — Reuter.

WAR RELIEF OFFER BY LEGION

In the event of war the British Legion would act as a recruiting agency to mobilise the 3,500,000 ex-Service men for A.R.P. and other duties.

Major Sir Francis Fetherston-Godley, national chairman of the Legion, told a reporter that the Legion had originally offered its services in this capacity to the Prime Minister. It had since offered to help in various special directions.

He added that the Legion's benevolent organisation had been placed at the disposal of the War Office to deal with all questions of relief in the event of war.

"Of course, there is no question

IMPORTANT TALKS WITH COLONEL BECK

Warsaw, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Sir Howard Kennard, called at the Polish Foreign Ministry yesterday.

It is believed the Ambassador communicated Britain's proposed diplomatic measures for the opinion of the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck.

It is thought here that Col. Beck is unwilling to commit himself to any rapid realignment of the policy hitherto pursued, namely, not joining any bloc.

He is hardly likely to do so before his visit to London on April 3, and then a thorough discussion of Poland's attitude is expected.

It is pointed out that Poland already has an alliance with France and commitments with Rumania. — Reuter.

of putting any compulsion on our 560,000 members," added Sir Francis. "We would merely act as an agency to place them in the services where they were wanted, and to deal with about 3,000,000 ex-Service men who are outside our organisation. I estimate that 70 per cent. of these are fit for some form of service."

M. Bonnet Pays Call At Foreign Office

London, To-day.

The French Foreign Minister, who is in London in the suite of President Lebrun, paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Secretary at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon.

The two Foreign Ministers will have other opportunities during M. Bonnet's stay in London for personal discussion of the new international situation, which their two Governments are known to view with concern and regarding which and appropriate measures to meet it they are understood to be in consultation with other interested powers, including Russia, whose suggestion for a conference is under consideration in London and other capitals, along with other possibilities.

The view of the British Government was expressed by the Foreign Secretary in a speech in the House of Lords last night.

He said that if and when it became clear to the states that there was no apparent guarantee against successive attacks directed in turn on all who might seem to stand in the way of ambitious schemes of domination, then in all quarters there was likely to be found a very much greater readiness to consider whether acceptance of wider mutual obligations in the case of mutual support was not dictated if for no other reason than necessity of self-defence.

DOMINIONS' VIEWS

Press messages from the Dominions indicate that His Majesty's

Governments overseas, which have been kept fully informed of developments and of the views of the United Kingdom Government, are generally in accord with Britain's in the situation now facing the nations of the world.

A Melbourne report states that Mr. J. A. Lyons, the Commonwealth Premier, announced that the Cabinet had fully reviewed the international situation and had assured the United Kingdom that Australia would co-operate in its endeavours to deal with it and wholeheartedly supported British efforts to ensure peace and security of the world from further forcible encroachments on the freedom and independence of other nations.

JOINT DECLARATION

A message from Ottawa states that the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, the Opposition leader, Dr. J. Manion, and the Commonwealth Party leader, Mr. Woodsworth, have issued a joint declaration pledging Canada to solidarity with the rest of the Empire in the event of an attack on Britain.

In addition to M. Bonnet Lord Halifax saw the Polish, Turkish and Egyptian Ambassadors yesterday. — British Wireless.

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New Capital Outlay By Dairy Farm

A MOST EVENTFUL YEAR DURING WHICH THEIR HERD HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLY INCREASED, WITH A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE OUTPUT OF MILK, WHICH CONSTITUTED A RECORD, WAS MENTIONED BY THE HON. MR. T. E. PEARCE, CHAIRMAN, AT THE ANNUAL ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS HELD THIS MORNING IN THE COMPANY'S OFFICES AT LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

The chairman said:—

Importations of 78 head of Cattle from Canada, 37 from Australia and 20 from Great Britain and the addition of home-bred animals have increased the herd from 1,170 to 1,401, and as you will observe from the Balance Sheet, stands in our Books at the figure of \$599,335.05. Against this, we shall have after allocating a further \$50,000.00, a Cattle Reserve of \$500,000.00 and in addition the \$43,586.85 at credit of Cattle Wastage Account, will bring our total Cattle Reserves to \$643,586.85 as against a Book Value of \$599,335.05.

This herd, which incidentally is a record one for the Company, has provided 5,100,119 lbs. of milk, an increase of 14.26 percent over the previous year and, of course, also a record for the Company.

Despite this increase, the heavy demand in the months from April to June could not be met, and our customers had to be restricted in their supplies of milk, and cream was not always made available.

BIGGER DEMAND

In anticipation of still bigger demand this summer, contracts have been placed for additional Cattle, which I hope will obviate a similar experience.

The herd, I am pleased to report, enjoyed exceptionally good health throughout the year. Some of our Shareholders and customers may not be aware of the fact the Company carries its own Veterinary Surgeon and the management of the Farm is in the hands of experts from home. Most favourable comments were recently made on the herd by a visiting authority. This gentleman stated it was comparable to the best managed herds he had seen anywhere.

Before leaving the herd, I should explain their the amount at credit of Cattle Wastage Account is the surplus, after allowance is made for losses by death or sale, on a scale decided upon some few years ago. This year the total amount provided from Working Account was \$97,517.46 which was in excess of actual requirements to the extent of \$29,243.85. This latter is the amount by which Cattle Wastage Account has been increased during the year.

WASTAGE IN HERD

Although on the right side for the past 3 years, it is not considered advisable to adjust the scale applied for Wastage in the herd. The sum of \$97,517 may seem a heavy charge, but it must not be overlooked this only represents 16.27 per cent. of the value of the herd.

An event of importance to record was the transfer of the Dairy from Pokfulam to the new one at East Point. This new Dairy is equipped with every modern device for the Pasteurization and bottling of milk under hygienic conditions, and with the most up-to-date machinery for the cleansing and sterilizing of bottles.

I need hardly add the Dairying is under constant European supervision, and the Staff under strict and regular examination by our medical advisers.

PASTEURIZATION

Customers and Shareholders will no doubt have appreciated the fact we have anticipated the Government's compulsory regulations regarding pasteurization, which come into force on the 1st April next, and they may rest assured that every possible precaution is taken and no expense is spared to ensure the supply of milk of the highest grade, and comparable to "Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurized" grade in Great Britain.

The total cost of this new installation, including the new Buildings, amounted to \$291,197.97 and accounts for a large proportion under Capital Account expended during the year.

The management will be only too pleased to arrange for interested Shareholders and customers to view this new Dairy.

Further expansion to the Cold Storage premises at East Point in the shape of four large rooms of just over 100,000 cubic feet capacity have been completed at a cost of \$149,766.91.

In addition to this increase in storage space, an extension of the Central Cold Storage in Connaught Road is under

der construction, and when completed will be a valuable addition to the cold storage facilities offered by your company in the Central District.

When this extension is completed, we shall have at East Point Cubic Feet 763,009; Central Cold Stores Cubic Feet 29,938; and Kowloon Cubic Feet 32,760 or a total of 815,707 Cubic Feet.

The Cold Storage business has increased rapidly during the last few years, but your Board have considered it advisable to anticipate future demands and are satisfied, the expenditure on these extensions will soon be fully justified.

QUICK FREEZING

To bring our Cold Storage facilities up-to-date, we have contracted for a Quick Freezing Plant, which it is hoped will be in operation before the end of this year. This modern method of dealing with Fish will, we believe, prove a boon to this important industry and become a profitable adjunct to the Company's business.

Despite restricted fishing operations on account of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, Ice sales were well maintained and, in fact, show a small increase as compared to the sales made in 1937.

To cope with the steadily increasing demand, over \$140,000.00 was expended on our Ice Cream Plant during the year. This plant, now installed in the Dairy premises, is the last word in up-to-date efficiency. A new line is to be marketed this summer which should prove a popular item in this important branch of your business. The policy of placing on the market only the very highest grade of Ice Cream Products will be maintained, and we look forward to increased business in this department.

I mentioned last year, that we had embarked on the production of Reconstituted Milk. This has not proved a success, as sales have dwindled to very moderate proportions, and there seems to be little doubt that when good fresh milk is available, the demand for the Reconstituted substitute is very limited.

Green Spot has proved its initial popularity and sales were appreciably up as compared to those made in 1937.

LARGER TURNOVER

The Butchery, Imported Dairy Produce and Shipping Departments have produced a record turnover but competition has been particularly severe, and it is due to the larger turnover, that a satisfactory trading profit has been achieved. This larger turnover is no doubt due to the abnormal conditions prevailing, which is also the reason that necessitates our carrying a much larger stock, which you will observe, at the 31st December, stood at the formidable figure of \$964,509.86.

Turning to the figures in the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet, I would call your attention to the amount of \$216,432.08 written off as depreciation. This amount exceeds by \$43,853.94 the amount provided for in the 1937 Accounts but covers a full year's depreciation on all the fixed assets of the Company including the additions made during the period under review.

In the Balance Sheet you will observe the item \$310,000.00, Profit on sale of the Lai-chi-kok property. This property was acquired in 1918 when this Company took over the business of the Hong Kong Ice Co. Apart from a small rental obtained for storage purposes, this property had been lying idle for a considerable period. After careful consideration your Directors concluded a sale on cash terms which resulted in a profit on its Book Value of \$310,000.00, now added to the General Reserve. This cash accretion has been the means of materially reducing the overdraft with our Bankers, which had been incurred largely by expenditure under Capital Account.

As you will observe the Capital Expenditure as detailed in the Balance Sheet has been as follows:—

Building and Property A/c.	\$179,465.87
Ice Plant and Machinery	407,185.89
Launches, Lighters and	
Vehicles	26,006.81
Furniture and Fittings	21,346.25
a total of	\$634,003.81

exclusive of expenditure on Cattle.

Unless further additions to the Herd to those already contracted for are

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No Agreement On McMahon Papers Interpretation

London, To-day.

The report of the committee set up by the United Kingdom and Arab delegation to the Palestine Conference to consider the McMahon correspondence, is published as a White Paper.

Japanese Move Against Ningpo

(From Our Own Correspondent, SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.)

TENSION REIGNS IN CHEKIANG FOLLOWING THE MASSING OF JAPANESE WARSHIPS IN HANGCHOW BAY AND OFF CHINHAI AND HAIMEN.

The Japanese vessels which left Shanghai on Monday have arrived in Hangchow Bay and were not destined for South China as reported previously.

The Japanese object is to occupy Ningpo, and yesterday warships shelled the city and the coast. Inhabitants on the Chekiang coast between Siaoshan, opposite Hangchow, and Chinhai have been ordered by the Chinese authorities to move 50 li inland. Mass withdrawal has begun.

About 500,000 Chinese regulars are in Chekiang, reinforced by 500,000 trained guerillas.

This morning's messages state that all the Japanese warships have assembled in Hangchow Bay. A large aircraft carrier accompanies them.

Shelling of Haimen, Chinhai and Ningpo continued this morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

TRANS-JORDAN PROBLEMS

London, To-day.

The representative of the Trans-Jordan Government at the Palestine discussions, Taufiq Pasha Abul Huda, Chief Minister of Trans-Jordan, is remaining in London to discuss with the Secretary for Colonies a number of questions concerning Trans-Jordan.

Taufiq Pasha has already had several talks with Mr. Macdonald on these matters and has submitted to him certain proposals for amendment of the Constitution and of the terms of the agreement of 1928.

Mr. Macdonald has carefully considered these proposals, and his discussions with Taufiq Pasha will now be continued.—British Wireless.

The Committee, which was headed on the British side by the Lord Chancellor and on the Arab side first by the Prime Minister of Iraq and later by his successor as leader of the Iraqi delegation Sayyid Taufiq Suwaidy, cites the contentions of the two sides regarding the meaning of the correspondence and then states:

"Both the Arab and United Kingdom representatives have tried as they hope with success — to understand the point of view of the other party but they have been unable to reach an agreement upon interpretation of the correspondence.

ARAB CONTENTION

"The United Kingdom representatives have, however, informed the Arab representatives that the Arab contentions as explained to the committee regarding interpretation of the correspondence, and especially their contentions relating to the meaning of the phrase 'portions of Syria lying to the west of the districts of Damascus, Hama Homs and Aleppo', have greater force than has appeared hitherto.

"Furthermore the United Kingdom representatives have informed the Arab representatives that they agree that Palestine was included in the area claimed by the Sharif of Mecca in his letter of July 14, 1915, and that unless Palestine was excluded from that area later in the correspondence, it must be regarded as having been included in the area in which Great Britain was to recognise and support the independence of the Arabs.

PALESTINE EXCLUDED

"They maintain that on proper construction of the correspondence, Palestine was in fact excluded. But they agree that the language in which its exclusion was expressed was not so specific and unmistakable as it was thought to be at the time."

The committee also considered other documents and events to see what light they shed on the meaning or intention of the correspondence, and while making clear that it is beyond the committee's scope to pronounce on the proper interpretation of these various statements, they conclude their report as follows:

NOT FREE

"In the opinion of the committee it is evident from these statements that His Majesty's Government were not free to dispose of Palestine without regard for the wishes and interests of the inhabitants of Palestine, and that these statements must all be taken into account in any attempt to estimate the responsibilities which upon any interpretation of the correspondence, His Majesty's Government have incurred towards those inhabitants as result of the correspondence."—British Wireless.

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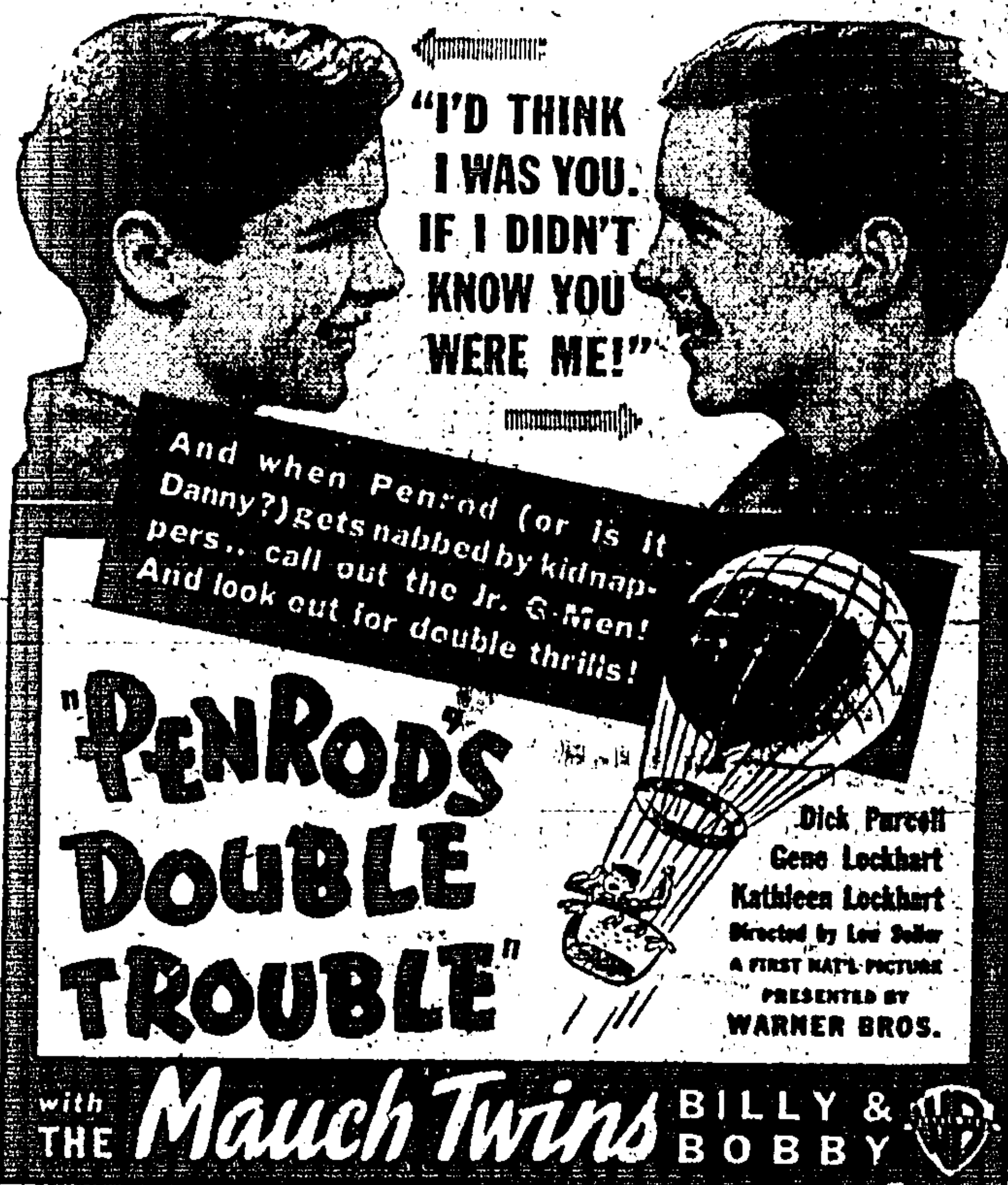
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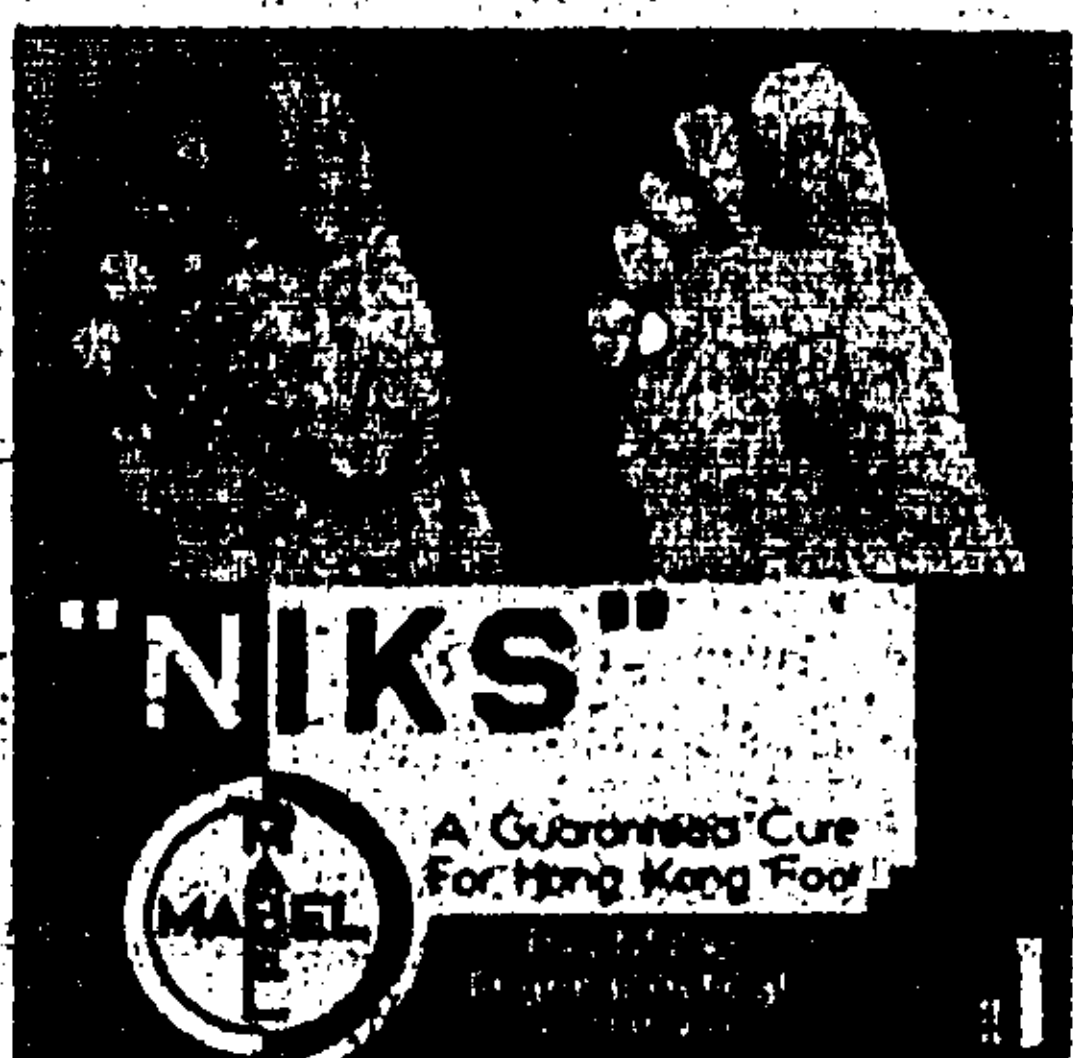
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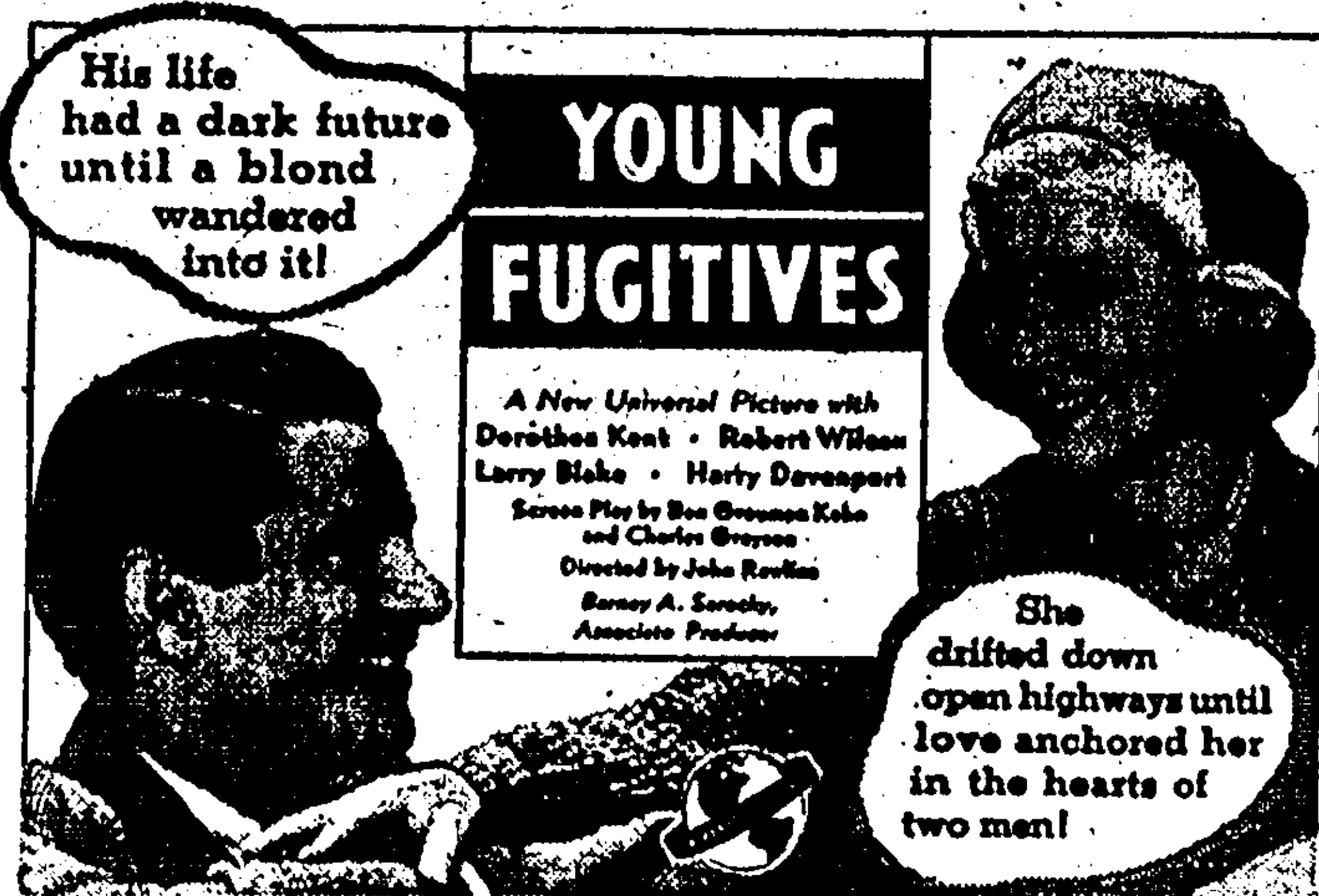
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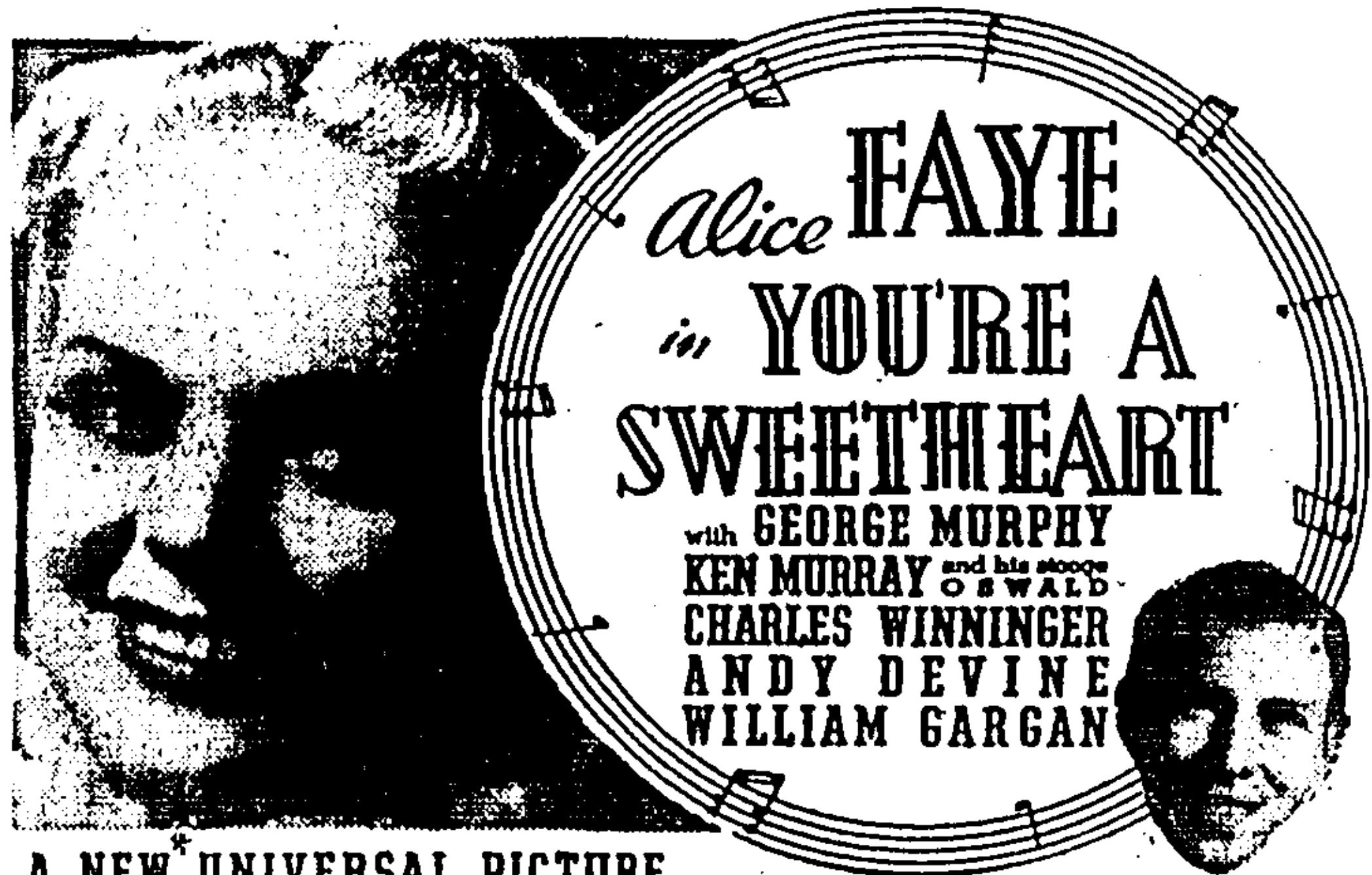
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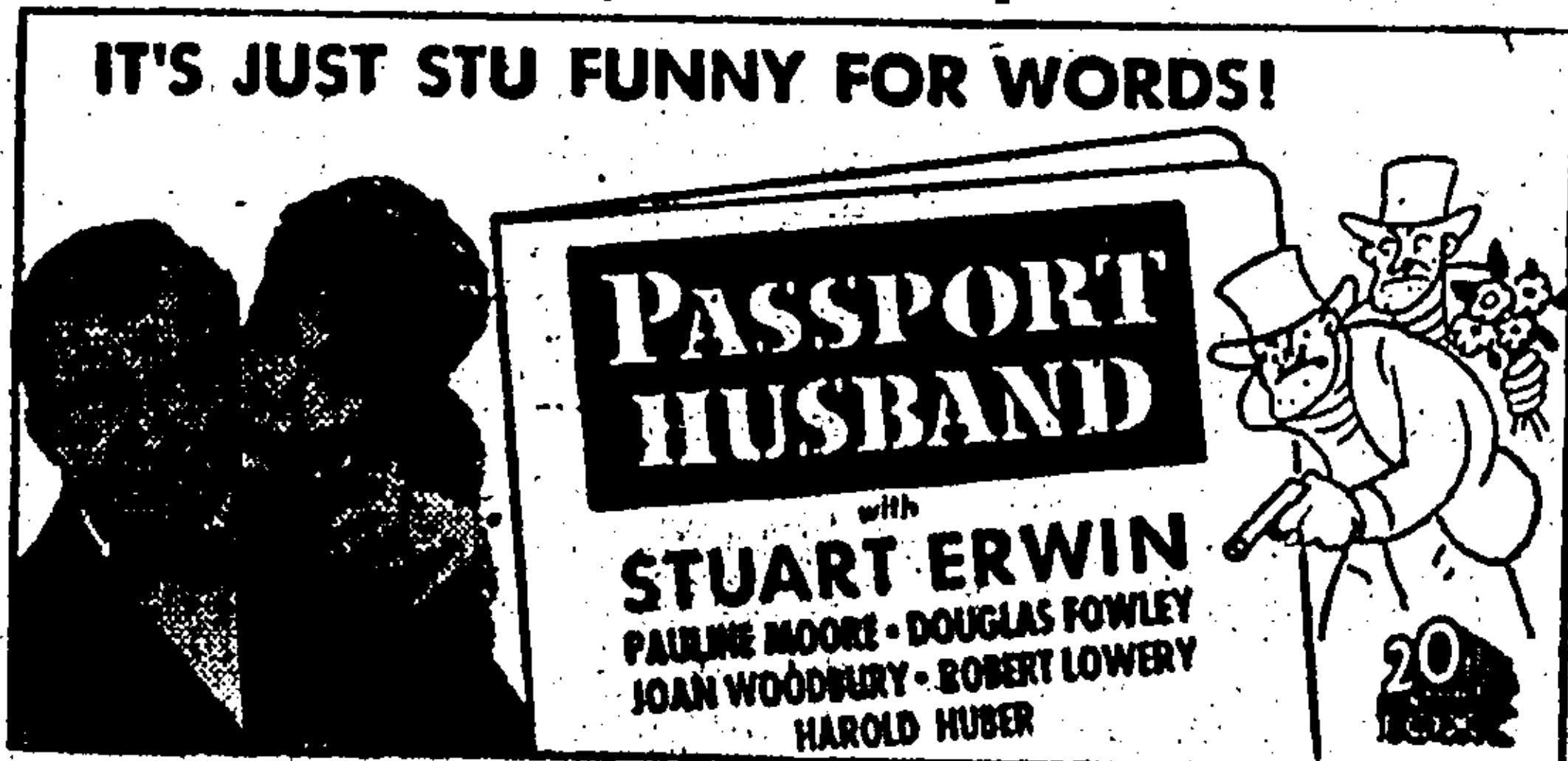


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LONDON TURNS OUT IN FORCE TO WELCOME PRES. AND MADAME LEBRUN

London, To-day.

The close friendship subsisting between Britain and France accounted for the extraordinary warmth of the welcome accorded President and Madame Lebrun when they arrived in England yesterday on a State visit which is lasting until Friday.

Londoners turned out in force along lavishly decorated streets which at some time or other the distinguished guests will traverse during their stay.

French colour emblems entered largely into the scheme of decoration.

The President's ship, accompanied by British warships and with R.A.F. bombers overhead, passed through a double line of warships dressed overall, while a 21-gun salute was given as he entered Dover harbour, where he was greeted by the Duke of Gloucester, in Guards uniform, representing the King.

The party entrained for London where they were met at Victoria Station by the King and Queen and other Royalties, the Prime Minister, other members of the Cabinet and notables.

EXTRAORDINARY SCENE

Their Majesties, with their guests, drove in a carriage procession to Buckingham Palace from which M. and Madame Lebrun later in the day fulfilled several engagements, concluding with a State Banquet last night in the Palace.

After the Royal procession had entered the Palace, the crowd outside broke through the police cordon and rushed across to the Palace gates.

There they stood, shouting: "We want the King. We want the President," and eventually M. and Madame Lebrun with the King and Queen and the young Princesses, came on the balcony.

M. and Madame Lebrun's arrival in London was televised to a West End theatre.—Reuter.

DRAMATIC INTENSITY

British Wireless says the recent events added a dramatic intensity to the warmth of welcome given to President and Mme. Lebrun.

After the visitors had alighted from the train and shaken hands with Their Majesties, they were introduced to the distinguished company, headed by the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and the chiefs of the defence services.

The King and President Lebrun inspected the guard of honour before entering the first State carriage, accompanied by the Duke of Gloucester, while the Queen and Mme. Lebrun occupied the second carriage.

ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS

When, later in the afternoon, the French President and Madame Lebrun visited Queen Mary at Marlborough House, the spontaneous enthusiasm of the crowds delayed progress down the Mall.

People surged into the roadway and the car was brought to a standstill as men and women pressed around cheering wildly and waving

FRENCH BUILD BLOCKHOUSES IN DAMASCUS

Damascus, To-day.

Sandbags have been piled into the form of blockhouses by French troops who occupied strategic points in the city following nationalist disorders.

First action of the French troops was to destroy the barricades erected by demonstrators.

The city was quiet yesterday but many shopkeepers emptied their shops fearing looting.

A number of leading agitators were arrested.

The trouble is understood to have arisen from French postponement of ratification of the Franco-Syrian Treaty. — Reuter.

QUEEN MARY AT L.C.C. CELEBRATION

London, To-day.

Queen Mary and the Princess Royal attended the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the London County Council yesterday, which was celebrated in County Hall.

Queen Mary occupied the Chairman's seat, looking down on a distinguished gathering.

Mr. John Burns, one of the surviving members of the first Council, was present.—Reuter.

miniature British and French flags.

Within three hours of arriving in England, the French President and Madame Lebrun were among hundreds of their own countrymen and women when they visited the new premises of the Institute Français in South Kensington and heard the building declared open by the Princess Royal.

The Princess Royal is co-patron of the Institute with M. Lebrun.

The State Banquet at Buckingham Palace in honour of the French President and Madame Lebrun last evening was followed by a reception.—British.

KING REFERS TO WORLD CRISIS IN BANQUET SPEECH

President And Madame Lebrun Feted At Palace

PARIS VIEW OF BID FOR NEW DECLARATION

Paris, To-day.

The establishment of a strong barrier in Eastern Europe which will weld Poland, Rumania, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union into a solid resistance bloc against the German drive towards the east, is the aim of intense diplomatic activity in Paris and London at the present time, state Paris newspapers.

"France," writes "Petit Journal," "is directly interested in this endeavour and is constructing her own cornerstone." The paper declares that Britain has now definitely abandoned her isolation policy and is taking active interest in East European politics with the end in view of preparing the countries to such an extent that an "explosion there would result in the collapse of Germany."

The "Journal" declares that a proposal for cooperation came from the Soviet Union, the diplomatic correspondent writing "The Soviets regard the present moment as opportune for their re-entry into European politics."

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Suritz, conferred with the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet on Monday, and his proposals are evidently backed by London approval. — Trans-Ocean.

GANGSTERS SENT TO GAOL

Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, Li Hop-wan, 19, and Fung Cheong, 21, were charged with demanding \$3.70 from a student, Pun Kei-hang, with menaces, at Queen's Road East, on March 17.

Sergeant T. Cashman said complainant met defendants on his way home after school at Queen's Road East. First defendant demanded \$3.70 for the fees of a certain society, and second defendant said if he did not pay, the gang would beat Pun up. Complainant informed the Police, and a trap was set.

Sergeant Cashman asked the Court to take a serious view, because these racketeers had been menacing school boys for quite a time.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on each defendant, and they were recommended for banishment.

FRANCE TO FOLLOW EXAMPLE

Paris, To-day.

The French Government intends to follow the example of the British and American Governments in instructing banks to suspend all payments from the accounts of Czecho-Slovak citizens, reports the "Paris Solr." — Trans-Ocean.

Ideals Of Justice And Freedom

London, To-day.

In a setting of truly regal splendour the King and Queen entertained the French President and Madame Lebrun at a State banquet in the white and gold ballroom of Buckingham Palace last night.

The 195 guests included Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family, the Premier and other members of the Cabinet, many Ambassadors and other distinguished figures including the Archbishop of Canterbury.

At the conclusion of the banquet the King rose to toast the visitors.

His Majesty referred to the cordiality with which the Queen and himself had been received in Paris in July, and said the climate of London at this season did not compare with the brilliance of Paris.

The King spoke of the warm feeling with which the people of Britain and the furthest corner of the realm had greeted the distinguished head of a great friendly nation.

GLORIOUS HISTORY

"Our two countries can look back to many centuries of glorious history—glorious not only for heroic deeds but also for achievements in the fields of science and the arts.

"In each country the practice of self-government and the ideals of freedom and justice are dear to both our peoples."

The King said he was also conscious of the identity of interests making the welfare of each the common concern of both.

CAUSE OF PEACE

"Our statesmen are thus able to take counsel of one another in perfect mutual confidence, and I firmly believe that the co-operation of the two Governments has rendered and will continue to render a great service to the cause of peace."

They were anxious to do all in their power to further solution by mutual agreement of the many and grave problems with which the world was confronted, but would be a party to no solution attempted in violation of those principles which ought rightly to govern relations between States.—Reuter.

SUMMONS AGAINST PRINTERS

The China Printing Company, of No. 428 King's Road, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, for printing a magazine, "Wartime Japan," not passed by the S.C.A., and without the name and address of the publisher.

Sub-Inspector R. Ellis said that the S.C.A. had instructed the Police to issue the summons.

The case was adjourned for one week.

SYRIA LEADERS ARRESTED BY FRENCH

Beirut, To-day.

A number of leaders of the Syrian Nationalist movement, including Nabib le Azme and Makhdi Mourtada, were arrested by the French military authorities yesterday.

This action is regarded as an attempt to smash the Nationalist bloc.

Later, the Syrian Parliament met in Damascus. The Parliament buildings were cordoned off by police and military.

The former Foreign Minister, Saad Allah Djabri, strongly protested against the occupation of Damascus and the arrests.—Trans-Ocean.

SLOVAKS VISIT BERLIN TO FIND THEIR PLACE

Berlin, To-day.

The German Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, yesterday received the Slovak Ministers, Dr. Durcansky and Professor Tuka, who have arrived in Berlin to give definite shape to German-Slovak relations.

Customs and monetary questions will provide the main theme, of these discussions, "although it is not yet certain whether Slovakia will ask for a Customs Union and a common currency." The Slovak delegation will remain in Berlin for several days.—Trans-Ocean.

GRAND MUFTI, RUMOURS

Jerusalem, To-day.

Considerable stir was caused here yesterday afternoon by a report that the Grand Mufti had left

Three Years For Girl Of Eighteen

AN 18-YEAR-OLD GIRL, TANG MEI-FOON, WAS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS' HARD LABOUR BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS.

She was, unanimously, found guilty by the Jury of possession of 16 ounces of morphine (sufficient for making 320,000 heroin pills); of 1,118 ounces of pink mass (sufficient for making 118,400 heroin pills); and of 286,300 heroin pills.

Besides the drugs, 499 pounds of ingredients for manufacturing heroin pills were also found in the house in Ngau Tam Mei Village, New Territories, which was raided on February 26 last.

Accused was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, who was instructed by Mr. C. D'Almada. The jury empanelled were Messrs. C. E. White (Foreman), Choy Ping-zau, J. C. V. Riberio, Tong Sik-ming, Tam Shing-foon, Law Kwong-chun and J. M. Abraham.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, related how the party of Revenue Officers, raided the building, and found the accused and an old woman on the premises.

The pills were being dried when the party arrived.

LEFT AS DUPE

Cross-examined by the Hon. Mr. D'Almada, Revenue Officer Stephens and Mr. Taylor replied that they were surprised to find only the girl and the woman on the premises. They admitted the police were making investigations into a robbery in the vicinity and that that presumably contributed to the absence of others who might have been on the premises. They admitted that there were no stains on the hands of accused.

Accused who said she was living with her parents, younger brother and sister in the house, added that her father was formerly employed in the Chinese Maritime Customs and was the principal tenant. The room in which the drugs were found, had been sub-let to other people with whom she was not acquainted.

Her parents and brother and sister were in Hong Kong when the raid was carried out.

Accused denied that she knew the people were making heroin pills or that the room contained the pills.

After a short retirement the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The Chief Justice, before sentencing accused, agreed with the Hon. Mr. D'Almada that there was not the shadow of doubt that accused was left behind in the house as a dupe.

Beirut in a special plane for the Hedjaz. Confirmation of this report is still lacking. — Trans-Ocean.

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FRENCH LEAD IN GUNS AND TANKS

Interesting estimates of the armed strength of most of the great Powers, apart from Germany, are published in the "Deutsche Wehr," an authoritative military periodical.

The relative potential strengths given for 1939 of the air forces and armies may be tabulated as follows:

	Planes.	Men.
Britain	6,000	2,000,000
France	5,000	5,100,000
Russia	9,000	11,000,000
United States	3,700	2,500,000
Italy	4,000	2,000,000
Japan	2,700	1,500,000

As an indication of the power of expansion attributed by German military circles to various countries, it is noteworthy that the estimates of British aeroplanes for 1939 are 2,000 above 1938, while the increase in the case of Italy is only 200. France is given 300 fewer planes in 1939 than in 1938.

TANKS AND GUNS

Figures are also given for tanks, artillery and machine-guns, but the writer states that these can be only very rough estimates. The estimates for Britain, France and Italy are given as follows:

	Britain.	France.	Italy.
Light machine-guns	10,000	16,000	14,000
Heavy machine-guns	4,200	18,500	5,000
Light artillery	1,900	2,000	1,900
Heavy artillery	1,000	1,300	800
Tanks	600	4,500	1,100

The figures for Britain do not include the Dominions and Colonies. "A reliable estimate of the armed strength of the British Empire is hardly possible," states the writer.

That the rulers of Germany are not entirely impressed by the apparent predominance of the democracies is shown by an article which appears to-day in the "Boersen Zeitung." This declares that the democracies lack one thing—the men to use their gigantic armaments.

USE OF COLOURED TROOPS

After dismissing Russia and the United States for various reasons, the paper asks what remains. The answer is given:

"An England that has to content herself with a mercenary army because her children regard conscription with horror, and France whose sinking population is leading to increasing recruiting difficulties and use of coloured troops in her garrisons."

In modern technical warfare, adds the article, France's coloured armies would lose their value, for a coloured soldier could not replace a white man at the control of an aeroplane or in the infantry fighting of to-day. The democracies also lack the ideals to inspire their peoples with the necessary courage for the supreme sacrifice, it is declared.

ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN BEGUN BY JAP. PAPERS

Shanghai, To-day. Japanese papers and journals sponsored by the "puppet" administration, have embarked on an anti-British campaign and are agitating for the International Settlement to be taken over by the Japanese.—Our Own Correspondent.

NANKING PUPPET MINISTER ASSASSINATED

Shanghai, To-day. Private messages received here from Nanking state that Mr. Chen Ni-chin, Finance Minister of the Nanking "Reformed Government," was assassinated on Monday.—Our Own Correspondent.

POUND DAY

The Annual Pound Day of the Alice Memorial and affiliated hospitals is being held on Friday this week.

Gifts will be received by Mrs. S. W. Tso from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. and by Mrs. C. B. Brown from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m., on the fifth floor of the Hospital.

RUMANIAN EXPLANATION OF PARTIAL MOBILISATION

"Few Divisions Of Reservists" Called Up

To Support Frontier Troops, If Necessary

Bucharest, To-day.

An official statement says that following the decision of the Cabinet, the Government has concentrated a few divisions of reservists who will, if necessary, support the troops on the frontier.

If Rumania follows a peace policy these units will remain at some distance from the frontier, and will only undergo practice exercises.

As soon as neighbour States demobilise, the reservists will be sent home.

The statement says that there are no military concentrations on the frontier and the forces are only engaged on manoeuvres.

NO APPEAL FOR HELP

Meanwhile, in Moscow, the official Russian news agency, Tass, has been authorised to deny that the Soviet Government recently offered its help to Poland and Rumania in the event of their being the victims of aggression.

The denial adds that Poland and Rumania did not apply for help, nor did they inform the Soviet Government of any danger threatening.

BRITISH NOTE

What happened was that on March 18 the British Government informed the Soviet of the existence of weighty reasons to fear an act of violence over Rumania, and inquired about the possible position of Russia in such an eventuality.

In reply the Soviet put forward a proposal for calling a conference of States most closely interested, namely Britain, France, Poland, Rumania, Turkey and the Soviet.

The British, however, found this proposal premature.—Reuter.

TEXT OF OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Bucharest, To-day.

The call to the colours of several reservist classes in Rumania was announced last night in an official communication reading:

"In consequence of the decision of the Grand Council, the Government has decided to call up certain reservist years to complete the numerical strength of a section of the army.

"Having regard to the fact that Rumania pursues a peaceful policy, the troops now called up will remain far from all frontiers and will do nothing beyond undergo training. In the moment that it becomes known that neighbouring countries, where measures of mobilisation have been taken, have withdrawn them, and no longer threaten the security of Rumania, the Government of Rumania will take steps

HEAVY FIGHTING ON SUI RIVER

Wanchifow, To-day.

Heavy fighting is raging on a wide front on the Siu River, north Kiangsi, where the Japanese have resumed their southward drive.

Immediate objective is to cross to the south bank. Chentsun has changed hands at least four times during the last few days. It is now in Chinese control.

A party of Japanese troops succeeded in crossing the River at Liaochia yesterday morning. But as the place is hemmed in by two hills, they are in a very unfavourable position.

Yesterday afternoon, a squadron of more than 20 Japanese planes rained a deluge of bombs on the south bank.

The Japanese attempt to land at Wucheng, where the Siu River flows into the Poyang Lake, was not successful. Repeated assaults have been repelled.—Central News.

NEW CZECH PARTY

Prague, To-day.

Continuing efforts to build up a new Czech party, Dr. Hacha, yesterday convened the first meeting of the Czech United Party.

The names of members of the Committee are not known to the general public.—Trans-Ocean.

Bratislava, To-day.

General Pechala, Chief of several departments of the Carpatho-Ukrainian Government, has not fled to Rumania, it is stated. He went to Slovakia and, at Bratislava, reported at the German Consulate-General, placing himself at the disposal of the authorities. — Trans-Ocean.

to release the reservists.

It is emphasised that no military operation has taken place along the frontiers and that those called up will confine themselves exclusively to military exercises." — Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE OFFENSIVE IN CHEKIANG

Tokyo, To-day.

The biggest Japanese offensive since the capture of Hankow has begun in Chekiang Province against 800,000 Chinese strung over 600 miles along the Chien-tang River and the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway.

Units from North China and a naval force are assisting the best Japanese troops in Central China. — Reuter.

VIBRO PILING CO. DIVIDEND

The annual general meeting of the Vibro Piling Company, Limited was held to-day, when the Chairman, Mr. S. M. Churn, reported a satisfactory year's working.

Those present were Mr. S. M. Churn (Chairman), Mr. J. J. Basto, the Hon. Sir R. H. Kotewall, C. M. G. (directors), Mr. F. E. d'Almada Remedios (Secretary) and Messrs. H. D. S. Page, C. H. Basto, E. W. Blackmore, Lam Shu Chuen and M. Weill (Shareholders).

The Chairman said: By referring to the Profit and Loss Account you will observe that after making full provision for depreciation, the net profit for the year amounts to \$55,199.14, a result which your Board feels sure all shareholders will agree is highly satisfactory.

Of the sum of \$37,264.21 shown as net additions to Plant and Machinery during the year, the bulk represents the cost of further plant which we were fortunately able to purchase from a nearby licensee for work in the Philippines. The cost of this additional equipment shows in a very striking way the extent to which the book value of our other two plants and accessories, has been written down.

The major portion of the item of \$61,340.20 shown under Sunday Debtors and Unexpired Charges, has since been collected, and there are now sufficient funds to pay the recommended dividend and bonus.

During the year, the management of our technical department by Messrs. Marsman Hong Kong China Ltd., was terminated by mutual consent, and we have with us again as technical manager, Mr. E. W. Blackmore. I should also like to avail of this opportunity to inform shareholders that after many months of negotiations, we have just concluded an agreement with the Marsman Building Corporation of Manila, to act as our agents in the Philippine Islands. I may also mention that a very old and trusted friend and shareholder of the Company, in the person of Mr. H. D. S. Page, who is with us to-day, will have charge of the Company's operations in the Philippine Islands, and shareholders may feel assured, therefore, that their interests are in good hands.

With regard to the future, there is too much uncertainty in the air to make an opinion safe, but I feel I can say that unless political event develop unfavourably, the start we have made should enable us to present a fair showing next year.

The motion was seconded by Mr. M. Weill and carried unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. C. H. Basto, seconded by Sir Robert H. Kotewall, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors.

CZECHS TO HOLD LEGATION IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

The diplomatic representatives of Czechoslovakia in U.S.A. will not turn over their offices to Germany, declared the Czechoslovak Minister in Washington, Dr. Vladimir Hurban to-day, following his return from Chicago, where he conferred with ex-President Benes.

Discontinuation or evacuation of legation and consulate buildings will not be considered until Washington has officially recognized the altered status of Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Hurban declined to comment on American press reports concerning the formation of a provisional Czechoslovak Government in the U.S.A., which Dr. Benes has denied.

German reports state that steps in this direction have reached an advanced stage, with the support of the American Government.

It is declared that the American Government plans to place the sum of 30 million gold dollars deposited in U.S. by the Czechoslovak State Bank, at the disposal of the new "Government" and to urge London and Paris to do likewise with Czech funds in those countries. — Trans-Ocean.

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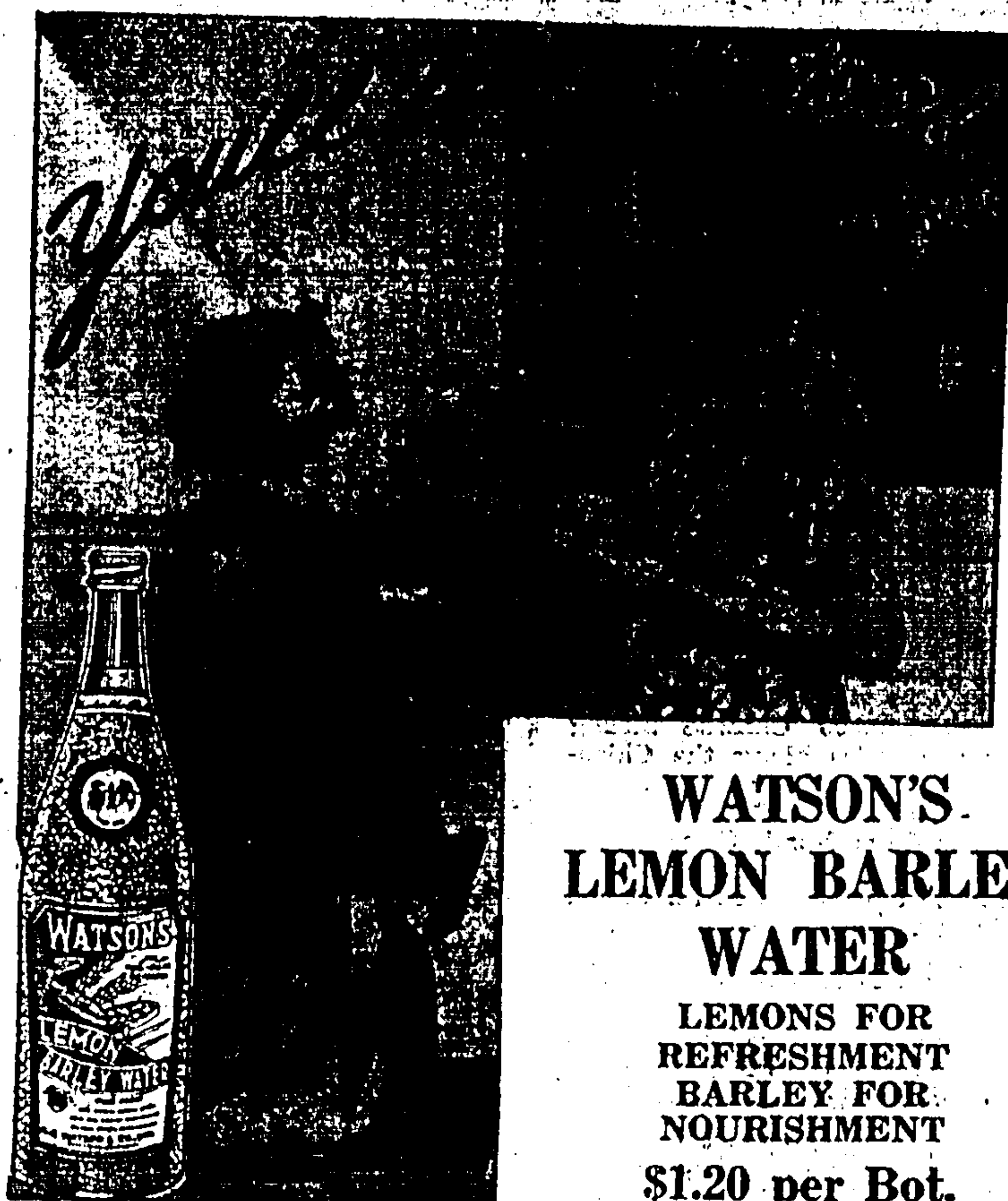
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STRETCHING GOLD

The significance of Britain's decision to revalue its gold reserves is that such action formalises an accomplished fact. In 1931 Britain severed the pound from a fixed gold content, or a gold standard. That is, gold no longer had a legally-fixed price in pounds. Left to its own devices, gold started to soar in London, where, unlike America, private transactions in gold are permitted. The price is now round 70 per cent. more than it was in 1931. And yet the Bank of England has continued to value its own holdings at the 1931 valuation.

Now these holdings are to be revalued from time to time at the market price. The result is much more than to set at rest any academic question that Britain would restore the 1931 gold standard. It shows that Britain is still not ready to restore any kind of gold standard.

Such a decision runs counter to the American example. In the United States the price of gold is fixed, albeit provisionally. It has been fixed at \$35 an ounce ever since 1934. Britain prefers to recognise a free market, where buyers and sellers make the price, though the American willingness to buy and sell at a fixed price is the determining factor in the London market.

Those who call America's dollar "rubber" would be hard put to it to find a designation for the British pound. Perhaps they would call it elastic.

No doubt the British action has been expedited by Britain's recent losses of gold. By revaluing what is left the British are able to show a stronger gold position. Some £222,500,000 in the Bank of England's treasury is much better looking than £127,000,000! And this doesn't take into account some \$350,000,000 in the British Exchange Equalisation Fund.

As a matter of fact, Britain's gold losses didn't look serious even before revaluation. In the pre-war days the country operated on only a fourth of its present gold holdings. But the need for the metal has grown with international uncertainties. Gold is a war chest par excellence. It is more so to-day than ever before. A view of the cash-and-carry provisions of America's Neutrality Act.

Discovery

Discovery by Bela Imredy of the existence of Jewish blood in his family probably was not the only reason, possibly not even the prime reason, for his resignation from the Premiership in Hungary. That Dr. Imredy stressed this reason in a speech before his colleagues of the National Union Party, however, throws into dramatic highlight the question of racial persecution.

For Dr. Imredy is an anti-Semite. He has been urging anti-Semitic legislation upon the Hungarian Parliament. Thus Dr. Imredy's programme has been directed at racial elements which he now finds are part of his own human make-up. Legally, under the laws he had proposed for Hungary, as under the Nuremberg laws in Germany, Dr. Imredy would not be classed as a Jew. But he declares that his position has become "inconsistent."

Yet that position is no less consistent than that of supposedly 100 per cent. Aryans. For there is no persecution of race or nation in which the persecutors can escape its dire effects. The human race is so interdependent that no section of it can long be kept in distress without inviting distress for other sections. The post-World War depression in Germany—for which German leaders with some justification blame the treaties of peace—engendered depression over a considerable part of the earth. Economic oppression of Jews has brought economic losses to the world community, including those who discriminate against them.

Indeed, moral effects of mistaken racial policies fall heavier on those making the mistake than on those who are the first but not the only ones to suffer from them. Loving one's neighbour is a policy quite as beneficial to the one expressing the love as to the one receiving it. It is a policy as necessary to the well-being of the one as to that of the other. As men make this discovery, they need make no other to learn the inconsistency of an opposite policy.

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The Style and the Man

Photographs of leaders of the Arab delegation from the Yemen indicate that a full complement of what our own Army calls "side-arms" (at least when they concern the infantry private) is evidently a recognised feature of the "walking-out dress" in that part of the world; a dagger in the belt and a sword at the side complete the full equipment. But before anybody begins to argue that the display looks a little excessive for peaceful parts like Pall Mall it should be remembered that we are all entitled to our conventions and that Mr. Chamberlain's umbrella would no doubt look just as unnecessary in the rainless regions of Arabia. But if he should happen to go to Arabia would anyone suggest that he should leave his gamp behind? Not for one minute, the Prime Minister's broly is the equivalent of the Arab leader's sword. If he should happen to visit Arabia he should certainly bear the umbrella with him. And if he wishes to make an impression as well as no doubt he could also carry a pair of daggers.

NAZI ULTIMATUM TO LITHUANIA

Withdrawal From Memel In Five Days

Paris, To-day.

A German Note demanding evacuation of Memel territory within five days is reported to have been handed to M. Josef Urbeyd, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister, in his interview with the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, in Berlin, says a telegram from Kaunas.

The report states that if Lithuania refuses these terms, the German troops concentrated on the frontier would march into Lithuania.

However, if the Nazi note was accepted, the Lithuanian frontiers would be guaranteed and the right to use the port conceded.

In Memel yesterday, Dr. Neumann, the Memel Nazi leader, informed Reuter that he expected Lithuania "to surrender the Memel territory in the near future." — Reuter.

VIRTUAL ULTIMATUM

Memel, To-day.

M. Gaillus, the Lithuanian Governor of Memel, has confirmed that Germany has given Lithuania a virtual ultimatum demanding cession of the territory to Germany.

M. Gaillus added that Lithuania is considering her reply, and an answer might be sent to-day (Wednesday). — Reuter.

THREAT TO MARCH IN GERMAN TROOPS

The Governor said that Lithuania was also told that should disturbances occur in the meantime, German troops would march in and restore order.

INFANTRY LEAVING

Memel, To-day.

Evacuation of Memel by the Lithuanian infantry regiment stationed here began yesterday afternoon. The troops are being transported to other parts of Lithuania and it is expected that by to-day there will be no Lithuanian soldiers in the Memel district. — Trans-Ocean.

"FREE CITY STATUTE?"

The Kaunas correspondent of the "Paris Soir" which asserts that German troops are being massed on the Lithuanian frontier, says that the fate of Memel was likely to be decided in course of yesterday afternoon, although he admits being without information on the subject from official Lithuanian quarters.

According to the correspondent, the existing Memel Statute will be replaced by a "Free City Statute" similar to that of Danzig.

FLIGHT OF JEWS

A mass flight of Jews from Memel into the interior of Lithuania set in on Tuesday.

The afternoon train to Kaunas was crowded to overflowing with Jewish fugitives.

By order of the Directory, banks

in Memelland were forbidden to pay out large sums of money.

Lithuanians have concentrated troops on the border between Memel and the rest of Lithuania, notably at Krottingen. It is believed that the troops forming the Memel Garrison will also occupy positions there. — Trans-Ocean.

MARTIAL LAW POSSIBLE

Kaunas, To-day.

Martial law may be proclaimed in Lithuania owing to the political situation.

"Lietuvos Aidas" denounces in this connection, in a leading article headed: "Beware of Enemies at Home" the Lithuanian "activists" who are accused of plotting against the Lithuanian State.

A Cabinet Council was held yesterday afternoon with President Smetana in the chair.

The Foreign Minister, M. Urbysd reported to the Cabinet on the conversation which he had on Monday in Berlin with von Ribbentrop.

A special meeting of the Diet was to have preceded the Cabinet Council but could not be held owing to a number of deputies not having received their summons to attend in time. — Trans-Ocean.

DECIDED TO ACCEPT

London, To-day.

It is unofficially reported that the Lithuanian Government has decided to accept the German demands and hand over the Memel territory almost immediately.

Throughout the day, Jews and Lithuanians were making a panic exit from the territory. — Reuter.

U.S. READY TO MAKE ANTI-NAZI DECLARATION

Washington, To-day.

It is reliably stated that if the proposed anti-aggression declaration is signed by the European powers, the United States would be willing to issue a similar declaration of its own. — Reuter.

MISSION PLEASES RUMANIA

Paris, To-day.

Announcement of the despatch of a British trade mission to Rumania has made the best possible impression in Bucharest, according to messages received here.

Rumanian political circles feel that with the support of Britain, Rumania will be able to conclude a treaty with Germany on an equal footing. — Reuter.

JAPAN EXPECTS FAR EAST POLICY CHANGE

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

THE SUGGESTION THAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND RUSSIA WILL BE OBLIGED TO MODIFY THEIR EASTERN POLICY OWING TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN SITUATION, IS MADE BY THE JAPANESE PRESS.

The newspaper "Mijako Shim-bun" says Japan cannot but pay serious attention to the future course of events, because Europe is now exposed to serious danger owing to the strengthening of the Axis between Britain, France and Russia against Germany. — Reuter.

DAY AND NIGHT ACTIVITY STRENGTHENING GERMAN DEFENCES NEAR METZ

Metz, To-day.

Hurried strengthening of Germany's frontier defences is going on across the border, it is reported here.

Workmen of all trades are busy day and night under the direction of engineer officers, a number of whom were sent to the frontier on Saturday night.

Hundreds of tank traps are being constructed about a mile from the French frontier.

It is stated that once these verily camouflaged and sheltering machine-guns.

tank "tombs" are finished, the

Germans will begin building reinforced concrete pillboxes clear-

The frontier is patrolled night and day by German S.S. Guards armed with rifles. — Reuter.

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ALLEGED FRAUD ON TYPEWRITER FIRMS

Mak Sum, alias Mak Kwan-wai, alias H. I. Tam, alias K. K. Choy, 28, was brought before Mr. E. Edwards this morning, charged with obtaining a portable typewriter from Wang Brothers and Company, and one from Carlowitz & Company, by false pretences.

It was alleged that defendant went to Carlowitz and Company and said that he wanted to take a portable typewriter home for a trial.

Defendant described himself as a student of the Hong Kong University, and promised to return it after three days, if not satisfied. Defendant was not seen again. Defendant defrauded Wang Brothers in a similar manner.

He was remanded 48 hours for further enquiries. Det-Sergeant Allen is in charge of the case.

WRIT STRUCK OUT

A Writ, claiming \$106.73 for Mrs. Paul Braga, was ordered by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Lindsell, to be struck out at the Supreme Court this morning.

This order followed contradictory evidence given by the manager of Messrs. Jones Wong and Company, of No. 184, Nathan Road, Kowloon, in the witness-box this morning when the case came up for hearing.

Mrs. Paul Braga was sued for price of goods, alleged to have been sold and delivered to her by plaintiff firm. She denied liability, stating that the goods had been returned to plaintiff.

THEFT FROM MISTRESS

A 17-year-old amah, Chan Wootai, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with stealing a diamond bracelet and a pearl bracelet from her mistress.

Inspector W. N. Darkin said defendant took the jewellery from the bedroom, during complainant's absence.

Defendant was bound over on a bond of \$100.

OPIUM IN BED FRAME

Li Kwai, 30, unemployed, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with unlawful possession of 120 taels of prepared opium at the Po Tak Wharf yesterday. The opium was concealed in a canvas bed frame.

A fine of \$2,000 or six months' hard labour was imposed.

\$1,000 LOSS

A Chinese merchant, Lau Kun-man, of No. 11, Canton Road, has reported that while travelling in tram between the Macao Wharf and Wanchai yesterday, a sum of \$1,000 was stolen from his pocket.

INCREASE OF NEWS IN SEPTEMBER CRISIS

London, To-day.

References to a £6,000 allocation to Reuter's which was paid as part of the cost of additional wordage sent in services to foreign countries during the Crisis last autumn, were made during the debate in Parliament yesterday on the Foreign Office vote.

Lt.-Commander R. T. H. Fletcher (Labour) said he made no attack upon the business principles or integrity of Reuter's, nor did he associate himself with any suggestion of partiality on the part of Reuter's.

He wanted to know, however, whether the messages in respect of which Parliament was asked to sanction a grant of £6,000, were confined to speeches and comments favourable to the Government or whether they contained also criticism of the Government's foreign policy.

Lt.-Commander Fletcher also asked did any Dominion newspaper publish these services, and if so, how much of them?

SINGAPORE CRITICS

Lt.-Commander Fletcher quoted criticisms of Reuter's in Singapore, and added that in South America and the United States, news agencies were taking advantage of this payment to discredit Reuter's on the ground that they received a subsidy from the Government.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) said this £6,000 was a trifling sum to Reuter's in view of their annual turnover, but it might do harm abroad if it was thought that Reuter's service was under the influence of Government guidance.

Mr. Samuel Storey (Conservative), referring to the Singapore criticisms, attributed these to the keen competition which existed between the two Malaya groups of newspapers, one of whom wanted another service supplementary to Reuter's.

SPREAD COST

Rejecting charges that Reuter's had a monopoly in Malaya and India, Mr. Storey said that by reason of their vast organisation, which enabled them to spread cost over large areas, Reuter's could distribute services at a price with which other agencies were unable to compete.

But for that organisation, Reuter's could not compete, as they had successfully done with heavily subsidised news services put out by foreign agencies.

INDEPENDENCE CLAIM

Mr. Storey maintained that there was no other British news agency organised to supply such services.

Referring to South America, Mr. Storey agreed it was a serious consideration if acceptance of any assistance was going to enable anyone to say that Reuter's was Government-controlled.

But the only condition on which Reuter's were willing to accept such assistance was that they undertook nothing in return except to increase the amount of news distributed.

They maintained complete independence in the collection and selection of news.

DID NOT WANT SUBSIDY

Reuter's did not want a subsidy, and it was only because they realised the vast importance to Britain of British and world news being presented through British and not through foreign eyes that they were prepared to take even this assistance in their distribution.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that the assistance to Reuter's was a purely emergency arrangement, the aim of which was to secure the publication of more British news.

The contents of Reuter's services was left entirely free.—Reuter.

CZECHS DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT

Prague, To-day.

The Czech State President, Dr. Hacha yesterday sent a resolution to the President of the Prague Government, Dr. Beran, dissolving Parliament and Senate. No mention is made of new elections.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE ORDERS DESTROYERS

Paris, To-day.

The French Admiralty announce that the Naval Minister has signed an order for laying down four torpedoboats of 1,772 tons each.

Two boats will be built at the naval shipyards in Bordeaux.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. T. K. Wu, of No. 21, Robinson Road, has informed the police that at about 4.30 a.m. yesterday, some person entered the home by the verandah door, and stole jewellery to the value of \$180.

PROFITS OF KING'S THEATRE DOUBLED

A net profit of \$135,604.78, was revealed by Sir Shouson Chow, presiding at the meeting of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Co., Ltd. held to-day in the King's Theatre.

Sir Shou-son Chow said:—The net profit for the year, after providing for depreciation, and including \$7,338.39 brought forward from last year, amounts to \$135,604.78 which is nearly double that of the previous year. This increase is doubtless due to the influx of a large number of people into Hong Kong owing to the hostilities still prevailing in many parts of China.

CHARITY SHOWS

We gave several successful performances for the benefit of Chinese refugees and other charitable organisations, and I am glad to say that, thanks to the generous support of the public, we were able to raise a fair amount to add to charitable funds.

The Management have been very careful in the selection of pictures during the current year. Pictures are chosen for their suitability to the taste of both our Chinese and European patrons, and I am sure that our line-up of first class films this year will meet with general approval.

Turning to the Investment side, I am pleased to report that all our shops and offices are occupied, and they yield us a regular monthly income.

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Out of the profit available for distribution, your Directors recommend placing a further sum of \$50,000 to General Reserve, and payment of a Dividend of 60 cents per share absorbing \$59,914.80, leaving a balance of \$25,689.98 to be carried forward to the next account.

Messrs. Chan Kwai-on and Li Lin-chi were re-elected to the Board of Directors, and Messrs. Percy Smith Seth and Fleming were appointed auditors.

The following directors, in addition to the Chairman, were present:—Mr. K. Y. Chang, Dr. S. W. Tso, Messrs. Li Lyen Chi, Li Jowson, Chan Kwin-on, Liang Chi-hao, K. C. Chang, and Chang Kwai-lin, and George Sun (Secretary). Among shareholders present were Messrs. T. L. Lowe, Sum Wing-kwong, Li Kwok-ying, K. T. Chang, Li Shiuching, and Hong So-yn.

SOUTH AFRICA REGISTERING RESERVISTS

Capetown, To-day.

The registration of first class reservists in the South African Union began yesterday.

General Hertzog informed Parliament that the Government, in the near future, would make a statement on its attitude connecting the European situation.—Trans-Ocean.

ESTHONIAN VISIT TO BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The Estonian Foreign Minister, M. Solter, is expected in Berlin from Warsaw but will, according to a statement from the Estonian Legation, have no discussions in Berlin but will continue his journey to Budapest after a short stay in the German capital.—Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar



ORPHANAGE GIRL-- SECOND DURBIN-- TO STAR AT 13

A girl without a penny in the world has been wafted by Hollywood's magic wand from the grim existence of an Ohio orphanage to stardom in the film city.

No longer will she scrub the orphanage floors or labour in its kitchens—for, at thirteen, she has been hailed as the second Deanna Durbin.

And as Linda Ware, she will star with Bing Crosby in his next picture. But before that her golden voice will be familiar to America's millions, for she is to be featured with Bing on the air by a coast-to-coast broadcasting combine.

AUDIENCES ASTONISHED

Just a fairy story? No, it's typical Hollywood big business.

And though Linda blinked in wide-eyed wonder as she signed her contract to-day her employers are certain she will be worthy of the huge salary and international fame they are giving her.

At present Linda's real name and many of the details of her gloomy childhood are being kept secret.

But it is known that for several years she has been at the orphanage.

Because of her glorious voice she became soloist in the orphanage choir.

All who heard her sing at concert were astonished. They hailed her as a genius.

But when the concerts were over Linda went up to bed in the dismal dormitory just like the other girls.

Until Charles Rogers, the Hollywood producer, arrived. It was he who discovered Deanna Durbin. He went to one of the orphanage concerts.

Afterwards he confessed: "I was amazed. She is indeed another Durbin." Soon Linda's days at the orphanage were numbered. The arrangements were quickly made and she had to say good-bye to her little friends.

Though she was destined for glamour and the big lights, she wept as she said farewell.

The magic of the movies has made another fairy tale come true.



WELL CAUGHT SIR.—Bill, the sea lion, is an old hand at fish catching. The keeper at the London Zoo always throws him to the sea lions at meal time—and Bill makes sure of his share. Bill shows how its done. Well caught and held, sir.

NEW ARMY KIT

The British soldier of the future will have no buttons to clean, no puttees to wrap, lighter pack to carry, and will dress in battle kit in half the time the 1914-18 soldier took.

Here is the final choice of battle uniform for the British soldier.

Instead of a brass-buttoned skirted tunic, he will wear a waist-length, close-fitting blouse.

His trousers, loose-fitting at the knees, will buckle at the ankles, and he will wear short canvas anklets similar to naval leggings.

Cumbersome webbing ammunition belts disappear to be replaced by large pouches to take ammunition for the new Bren machine-guns.

Embodied in the left leg of the trousers is a large map pocket, similar to those in flying clothes, which can be reached when kneeling or living down.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From Tottenham Police Court.

Housewife: He looked like a gentleman, so I didn't like to ask for a receipt.

Witness: I don't see why he should not pay the debt: he had 10s to start his married life on.

Woman: My husband's idea, of making money is for me to buy my own clothes; then he takes them away from me and sells them back to me.

THE £5 10S.-A-WEEK LABOURER

A man told Mr. Justice Lewis in the King's Bench Division that before a road accident he earned £2 16s. a week as a navvy with a further weekly sum supplying tea to workmates, and also 50s. or 55s. at week-ends selling shrimps, prawns and watercress from a cart.

He was George Gilbert Duncan, forty-seven, of Sidney-street, Tidal Basin, East London, who received £74 10s. damages, with costs, from the owners of a vehicle which injured him.



Like Mother Like Son

Film star Sally Eilers and her son, Harry Joe, are to appear together in her next film, "They Made Her A Spy." Miss Eilers is the wife of Harry Joe Brown, the director.

1,383 LB. SHARK CAUGHT—

RECORD

A tiger shark weighing 1,383 lb.—a world's record—has been caught off Sydney by a member of the hunting party of Zane Grey, the author.

TONS OF SUGAR BURN IN FACTORY BLAZE

When one of London's largest sugar and malt factories in Winslow-road, Hammersmith, W. 6, was swept by fire, police would not allow anyone to pass within a quarter of a mile. The outbreak started in a store on the third floor where tons of sugar are kept. The sugar melted and floated over the floor and down the stairs. Firemen had to struggle against a treacherous mass which cascaded over their boots.



The introduction of cheap alarm clocks threatened Mr. William Crompton of Bolton. He is the oldest of the knockers-up who wake factory workers every morning. Alarm clocks put most of the knockers-up out of business but Mr. Crompton, now seventy-two, survived the challenge, and still carries on after fifty-three years. Strangely enough Mr. Crompton is himself awakened by an alarm clock. He rises at 4.45 a.m. and charges from fourpence to sixpence a week according to time he takes to get ready. Then he goes to work.

EAGLE DROPS CAT 400-FEET

A cat intent on stalking some sparrows in a field at the foot of the Ouloudagh Mountain (formerly Mount Olympus of ancient Greece), near Brussa, was itself stalked—by an eagle.

The eagle swooped, gripped the cat and flew away. Villagers saw it rise to about 400 ft. and then they saw the cat drop. It recovered, however.

MORE OIL PROSPECTING

LICENCES

The Board of Trade has issued four new petroleum prospecting licences affecting Formby (Lancs.), Melbourne area (Derby, Leicester and Staffs), Scarborough and Fife (Scotland).

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London Police Courts: Man at Highgate: I don't mind coming to Court. I like to see the wife now and then.

Woman at Ealing: As soon as any woman looks over the fence my husband puts on his cap and scampers about.

Girl at Wimbledon: When I said I felt faint he showed great concern, and offered to stand me on my head.

HIS ADVICE—"GO ABROAD"

A former Lord Mayor of London gave the unexpected advice, the other day, of "Go abroad for holidays." He was Sir George Broadbridge, member of the Travel Association Council, who was "shocked" to learn that there is a certain section of the public who advocate spending holidays in this country.

He was speaking, of course, to travel agents.

"I do not think," he said, "they bear in mind that as a rule when you think of staying in our own country you generally find hotels are full up, or that their charges are 100 per cent. more than they were a month before, and that all they can offer you is a tiny room overlooking the dustbin."

FIVE ROMAN

SKELETONS FOUND

Five skeletons have been discovered by workmen digging water supply trenches at Buryfields, Salmonbury Camp, Bourton-on-the-Water, near Broadway, Worcs. There is little doubt that this site was part of a Roman burial ground. A Roman urn was found nearby.

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NATIONAL SERVICE

NEVER in its history has Great Britain had universal conscription in peacetime; and Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, has declared that it is not the intention of his Government to introduce it except in the event of war. That it would be needed and at once applied in that

BY R.A.
SCOTT-JAMES

grim eventuality, no one doubts. But till then Britain relies upon voluntary service for preparedness against the worst that may happen.

It has been that country's pride that such will offers of service have never been lacking. They sufficed to bring in all the men that could be trained and put in the field during the first two years of the World War. But it is not enough now that men should rush

In the present chaotic state of Europe, Britain, like the conscript countries, must be prepared in advance. If it does not, like its neighbours, rely upon compulsory enrollment, then it must make sure that voluntary registration and voluntary training have provided a safe and fully adequate substitute.

That is the necessity which Great Britain to-day is facing. To meet it a national register was the first thing. The register is not, as many thought it should have been, a compulsory one, but under the pressure of public opinion the results obtained under it are likely to be, as nearly as need be, universal; that is to say, the applications for



2,000 employees of the Echo works at Southend-on-Sea took part in A.R.P. exercises including fire engine practice decontamination. Some of the employees enjoy a game of darts in an underground shelter.

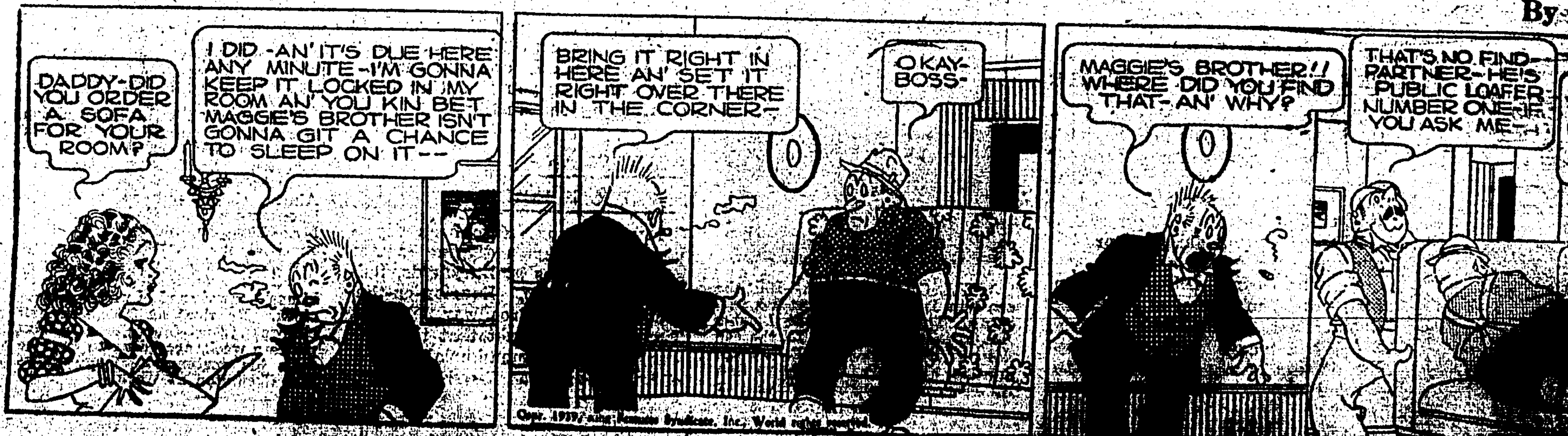
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ICE IN BRITAIN



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men for work on the land. Re- cruitment, enrollment, training, or- ganization—all that has now to go ahead at full speed, the Govern- ment taking the lead in providing system and equipment, the nation backing it up with unstinted offers of willing service.

Great Britain has awakened to the fact that there is no time to be lost. It is its task now to show that an emergency will find it prepared and cool—profiting by the experience of the last war—not draining essential industries like agriculture, mining and engineer- ing, of the skilled men needed to carry them on, yet having available all who can profitably be spared to perform the abnormal duties of war.

The dictator countries are already nations in arms; but those who serve are conscripts. Great Bri- tain is preparing to show itself a nation of free men and women ready for any eventuality—eager for peace but capable of victory.

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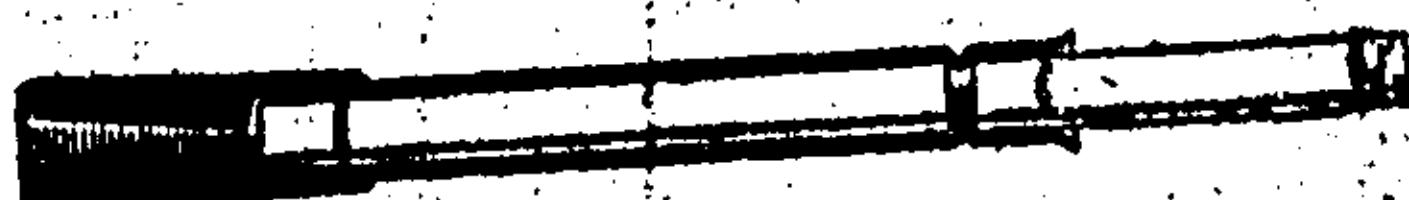
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by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Keep Your Hands Looking Their Best

It would be a very simple matter to keep our hands looking as beautiful as those of a story heroine if we had not household chores to

do, children to care for, or business duties. For hands respond so quickly to a little bit of loving care that with more time, and fewer demands, we could display softly textured hands, with long white fingers nicely decorated with a becoming polish shade!

Witty Kitty



A good bracer for hard work is a change of scene with hard play.

But as it is, the majority of you, my readers, must use your hands pretty constantly. They are not ornaments but a means to get things done. So you are apt to swing to the other extreme and neglect them entirely—quite unaware of the care they need until they hurt from chapping or too frequent washings!

You should, and must, consider your hands in your beauty routine. No expensive cosmetics are needed, only a few precautions. Your hands may be a lovely asset to your beauty if you will religiously follow these simple rules.



Exquisite hands giving the final touch to perfect and arresting grooming! A rich fragrance placed beneath your fingernails, on your shoulder and behind your ears creates a fascinating aura.

- 1 Wear gloves whenever you can if you do housework. Loose cotton gloves for rough work and rubber gloves for dishwashing and preparing foods.
- 2 Avoid frequent washings and wash only in luke warm water. Do not allow the skin to come in contact with strong soap powders or cleansing powders, ammonia, lye or cleansing polishes. Protect them with gloves.
- 3 Dry the hands thoroughly after each washing and apply a lotion or cream. Keep either handy in kitchen, bedroom and bathroom.
- 4 Occasionally brush your hands with a thick bland soap lather, and then soak them in warm olive oil. Go to bed with the oil still on the skin under loose cotton gloves. Or if you prefer, massage them with a rich nourishing hand cream and leave it on overnight.
- 5 For evening glamour you may bleach your hands, massage them well with a rich cream, and powder them—after you have given yourself a thorough manicure and painted your nails a bright colour complementary to your skin tone or your gown shade!

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"Most of us are not satisfied with living in a land of free speech," says colloquizing Elizabeth. "they are never further than an arms length from a phone."

What The Stars Foretell

(By MARY BLAKE)

Impulses, rather than logic, will be responsible for most of this day's actions. It will not pay to be "preachy," for an inclination, on the part of the average individual to resent advice, as well as dictatorial orders may prevail. Irritable women will appear decidedly at a disadvantage, and handicap themselves seriously in social and commercial endeavours. Many queer facts may be presented this day, taxing the imagination and credulity of the ordinary person. Do not allow pride to stand in your way, for it will make enemies. It might be well to resort to tactful, rather than forceful methods in an effort to accomplish anything in matters involving financial transactions or the fulfillment of an obligation. Married and engaged couples, as well as prospective fiancées, should be careful how they express themselves, this day, because many misconstructions are apt to be placed upon a poor choice of words.

If a woman and March 22 is your birthday, you ought to have an unusual amount of style and grace, and a fluency of speech. You should be deeply interested in literary pursuits, theatrical topics and social activities. Your sympathetic nature makes you easily moved by the troubles of your friends or relatives. There may be times when you are overly self-conscious and permit yourself to be too easily embarrassed. You might have an aptitude for writing, painting, interior decorating, singing, acting or selling. Your matrimonial prospects for a happy and prosperous future appear to be unusually good.

The child born on March 22, has, generally, keen intuition, a very active mind and a vivacious manner. Nimble-footed, this youngster ought to excel in many forms of sport.



Here's one of those hard-to-find fashions of charming, wellbred simplicity that truly has a "million-dollar look" when you make it up in quality materials of your own choosing. It's a perfect fashion for bridge and club wear, soft without being too dressy. And it has beautifully slenderizing lines. With a bodice gathered enough to create becoming bust fullness, this design has a fitted waistline, cut up to points in the front,—makes the figure look slim.

The deep V-neckline has a lengthening effect. Emphasize its flattery by wearing a brilliant brooch or clip — the new large kind—at the point. And notice the graceful line of the skirt, rippling to animated fullness from narrow hips. Make this dress of fine wool or rayon jersey, flat crepe or chiffon.

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Miss Claire's choice of a hat to be worn with a tailored suit is a hand-woven turban of two-toned blue with beige interwoven. It is topped by a brilliant blue plumed bird in electric blue. Worn with the new short-brushed up bob, the tiny hat is a triumph of the season's millinery. Miss Claire is enjoying her career in the "talk" world. She is now starring in "The Great Dictator" and "The Sign of the Cross".

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NEW YORK via Panama
***NAGARA MARU** Friday, 7th Apr.
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BOKUYO MARU (from Kobe) Tuesday, 28th Mar.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, NAPLES via Suez.
HAKONE MARU Friday, 24th Mar.
HUSIMI MARU Saturday, 8th Apr.
HAKOZAKI MARU Saturday, 22nd Apr.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Davao, Thursday Island and Brisbane.
ATUTA MARU Saturday, 25th Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.
***NAGATO MARU** Sunday, 26th Mar.
ANYO MARU Sunday, 9th Apr.
RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore
***ANALOCK** Thursday, 30th Mar.
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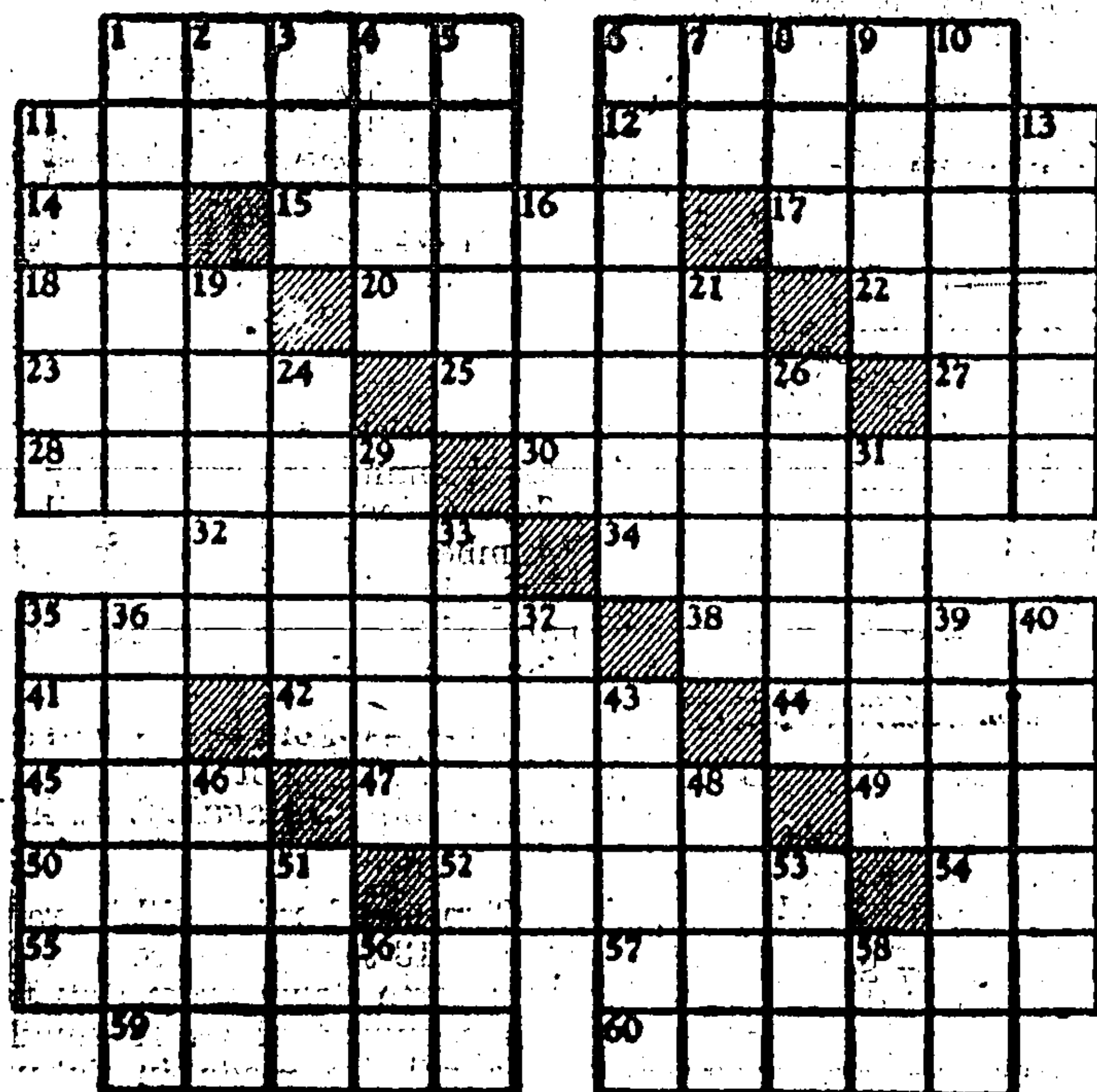
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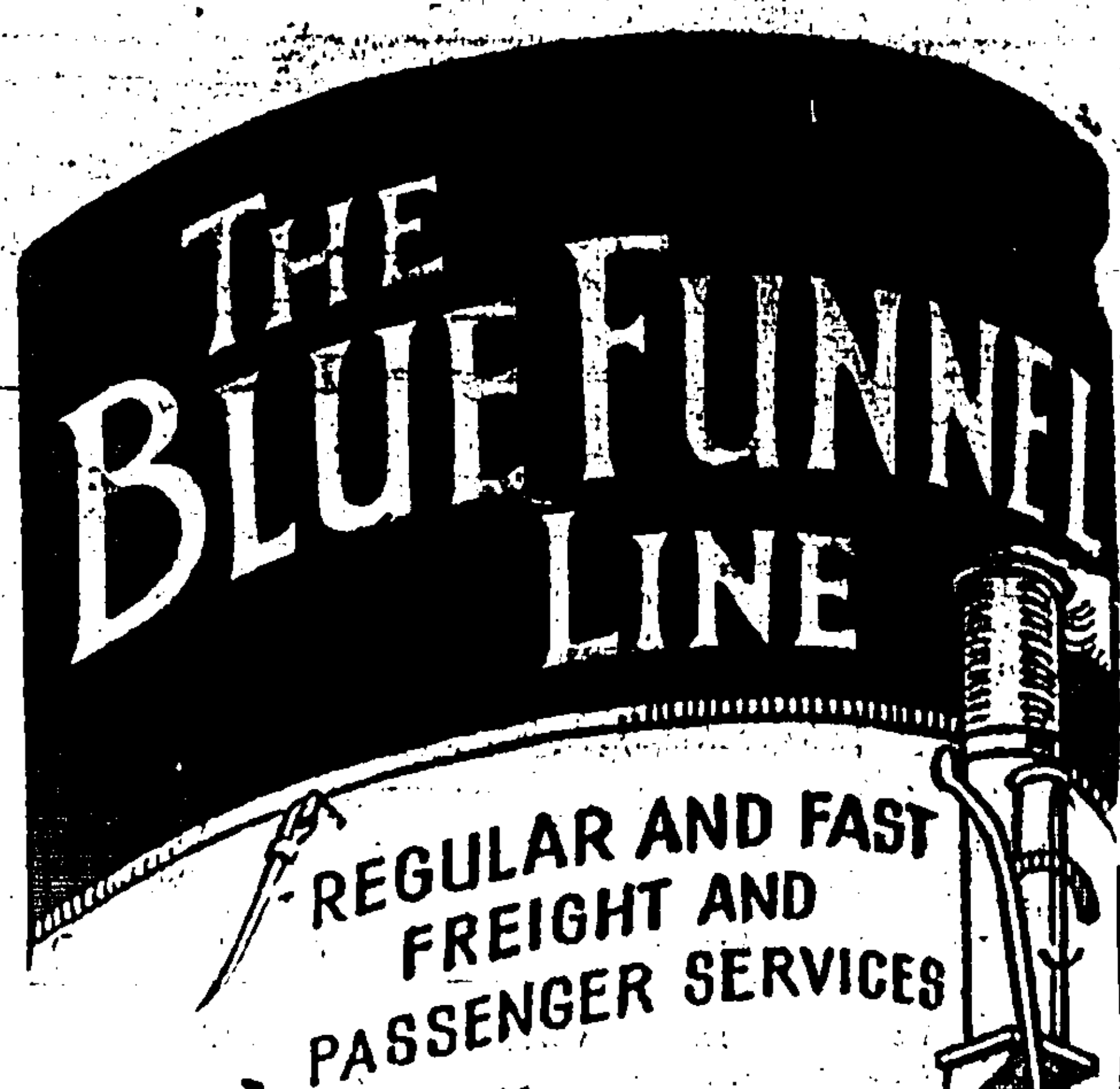
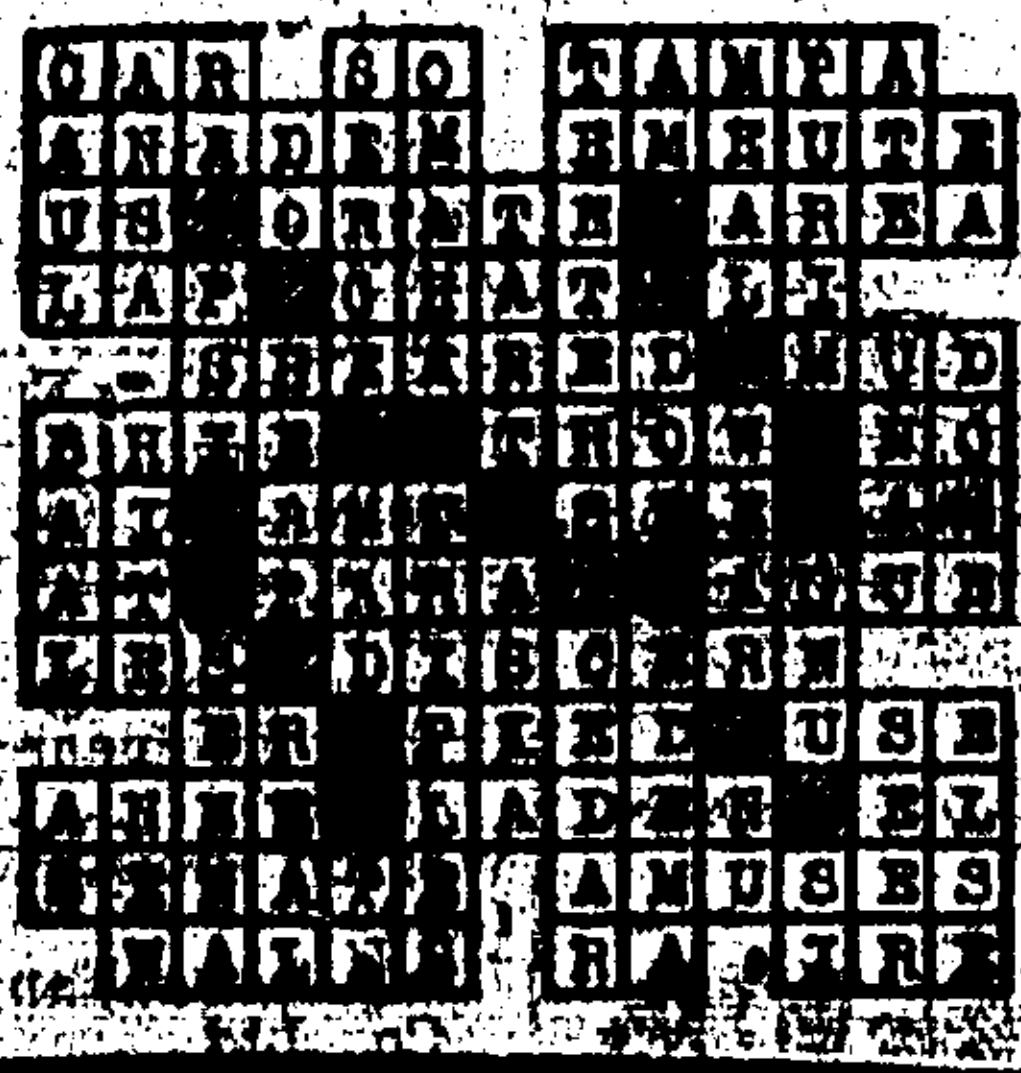
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Phoenician deity
- 6 Reddish-yellow
- 11 Decorous
- 12 Bequeaths
- 14 Higher
- 15 Pertaining to ships
- 17 Plexus
- 18 To plunder
- 20 Store house
- 22 Operated
- 23 Least whole number
- 25 Mountain ash
- 27 Exists
- 28 Flat top hills
- 30 Realm
- 32 Cooking pot
- 34 Songstress
- 35 Coal bins
- 38 Dwells
- 41 Concerning
- 42 To utter
- 44 New star
- 45 Member of Indonesian tribe
- 47 Buddhist gate

VERTICAL

- 1 To testify
- 2 Part of "to be"
- 3 To hunt
- 4 Toward
- 5 Not in any way
- 6 Permitted
- 7 Pronoun
- 8 Obstacle
- 9 Continually
- 10 To keep
- 11 Kind of wheat
- 13 To feel
- 16 Footless
- 19 Buffalo
- 21 Dravidian tongue
- 24 Converses
- 26 American composer
- 29 Slumbered
- 31 Distinctive quality between leaf veins
- 33 Interstices
- 35 Commission
- 36 Freed
- 37 Hindu garment
- 39 Eludes
- 40 Taste
- 43 Quirks
- 46 Large pulpit
- 48 Separate entry
- 51 To consume
- 53 To observe
- 56 Symbol for tellurium
- 58 Opposite SE

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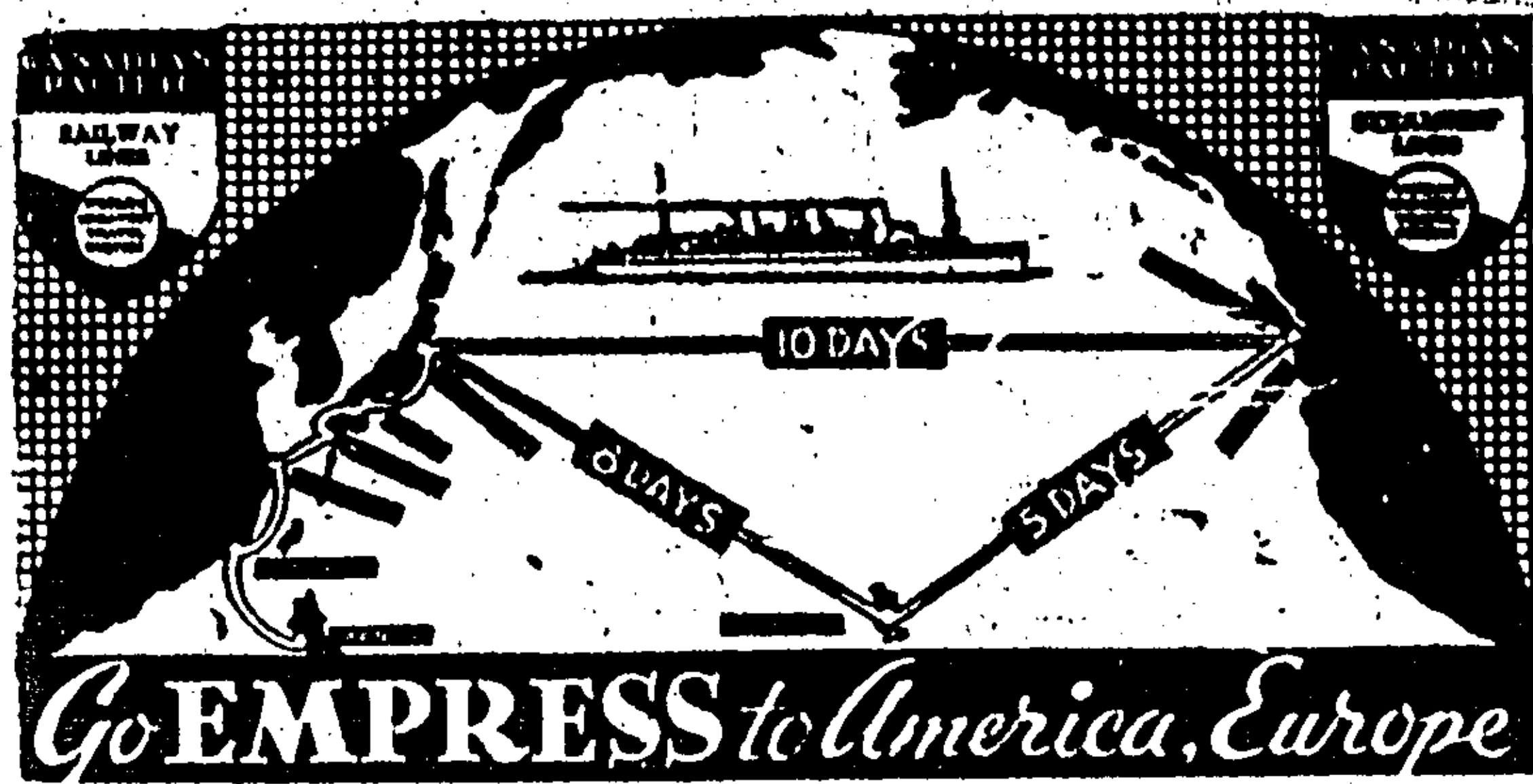
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New Capital Outlay By Dairy Farm

(Continued from Page 4)

found necessary it is not expected that Capital Expenditure for this year will exceed \$220,000.00, the main items of which are the Quick Freezing Plant and extensions at the Central Cold Stores.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

As you will have observed a Special Meeting has been convened to be held immediately after this meeting, at which your Directors will recommend the issue of 41,905 fully paid up shares, to be offered one for every six, at present held by Shareholders, at \$5.00 in cash, and \$2.50 from the General Reserve.

Your Directors are of the opinion that Shareholders should now benefit by the conservative policy adopted in the past, and believe they will appreciate this favourable offer which is to be made them.

If the proposition is accepted, we shall receive \$209,525.00 to further reduce our overdraft, and the General Reserve will stand at approximately \$600,000.00.

Before closing my remarks, I should like to pay a tribute to the Staff, who have worked conscientiously during a strenuous and abnormal year. They have been voted a bonus of 7½% on salaries, which has been debited to Working Account.

FOOD SUPPLY

Mr. J. Owen Hughes said:—It gives me much pleasure to second the Report and Accounts, and to congratulate the Directors, Manager and Staff on the excellent result of their labour during the past and difficult year.

The figures given in the Account give as usual very full information to shareholders, which I feel sure have been received with much satisfaction. The policy of building up substantial reserves, will have very general approbation.

Capital Expenditure has certainly been high—but in my view absolutely necessary if we are to serve the public efficiently.

There is only one more matter that I would refer to and that is the (using your good words) the formidable figure of \$964,509, representing stock. Assuming this as being cost of Meat Butter, Cheese etc. this should be of comfort to those who may be anxious about the Colony's Food Supply during these uncertain days. I am sure all shareholders will endorse the chairman's remarks about the staff and will agree to the granting of the bonus of 7½%.

I now formally second the Report and Accounts.

The report and accounts were then adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce were re-elected directors on the motion of Mr. A. D. Wylie, seconded by Mr. P. L. Morphew, while Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on

the proposal of Mr. R. Wylie seconded by Mr. C. Chan.

The following attended:—The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce (chairman), the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. D. F. Landale (directors), Mr. J. D. Thompson (manager), Mr. G. Milne (secretary), Mr. R. A. Wadeson (legal adviser) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. Yong Yeong-shi, A. D. Wylie, J. Owen Hughes, P. L. Morphew, R. L. Wylie, J. Gardner, S. H. Ross, C. T. Chan and D. McFerran.

RESOLUTION PASSED

Following the annual meeting, the following resolution was passed on the proposal of the chairman seconded by Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

That the Company's Board of Directors be at liberty to offer to the persons appearing as shareholders on the 22nd day of March 1939 in the Company's register of shareholders 41,905 shares of the nominal value of \$7.50 each being part of the unissued capital of the Company in the proportion of one new share for each six shares held by such persons at par and on the footing that on the acceptance of such offer \$5.00 shall be paid up in respect of each share not later than the 31st day of May 1939 and that thereafter the Company in general meeting shall call up the balance of \$2.50 per share and at the same time declare a special capital bonus out of the undivided profits standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund and apply such bonus in payment of the said call. And that such new shares shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July 1939. And that any shares so offered and not accepted shall be disposed of by the Company's Board of Directors as they in their absolute discretion shall think fit and that the Board shall make such provisions as they think expedient for the case of fractions.

GERMAN CAR TYPES LIMITED

Berlin, To-day.

By a decree issued by the General Commissar for Motor Traffic, Colonel von Schnell, the number of types of cars to be built in Germany is limited in accordance with the aims of the four year plan.

Thus, as from January 1st next only 30 types of passenger cars will be built as against 52 hitherto.

Types of lorries will be reduced from 113 to 19. Motorcycle types will come down from 150 to 30, while only 3 kinds of small lorries will be made in future as against 20.—Trans-Ocean.

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"Chaksang" 29th Mar. Noon

"Kwaisang" 31st Mar. 7 a.m.

"Yusang" 2nd Apr. Noon

"Wosang" 5th Mar. Noon

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To KOBE & OSAKA.

"Hosang" 28th Mar. 9 a.m.

"Kutsang" 18th Mar. 9 a.m.

To SANDAKAN.

"Mausang" 1st Apr. 10 a.m.

To SINGAPORE, PENANG

AND CALCUTTA.

"Kumsang" 26th Mar. 2 p.m.

"Yuensang" 31st Mar. 2 p.m.

To HAIPHONG.

"Taisang" 29th Mar. 5 p.m.

"Esang" 1st Apr. 8 p.m.

"Mingsang" 4th Apr. 8 p.m.

"Taksang" 12th Apr. 5 p.m.



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SINGAPORE STOCKS

Quotations of 12 leading Singapore stocks forwarded by Messrs. Ellis and Edgar, March 17th, 1939.

Rubber Shares	Middle Price
Amalgamated Malay Estate Ltd.	\$ 1.45
Kempas Limited	1.75
Kuala Sidim Rubber Co. Ltd.	2.15
Pajam Limited	1.70
Sungei Bagah Rubber Estates Limited	1.30
Tengah Rubber Estate Limited	1.70
Tin Shares	
Petaling Tin Limited	6.65
Sungei Luas Tin Dredging Ltd.	1.42½
Industrials	
Straits Trading Company Ltd.	20.75
United Engineers Limited (Ordinary)	8.65
Wearne Brothers Limited	13.50
Gold	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd.	4.50

The above quotations are in Straits dollars.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is passing into the Pacific to the southeast of Japan and another has formed over central China. The depression is moving northeastward over the northern Loochoo Islands. A shallow depression is moving eastward over S. E. Manchuria. Pressure remains relatively low over Siam.

Local forecast:—N. E. winds, moderate; overcast, misty, occasional rain.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-25/32. "Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20 and forward at 19-3/4.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6825 and the New York—London rate at £—U.S.\$4.68-3/8.



HOPING FOR BABY'S OWN TABLETS!

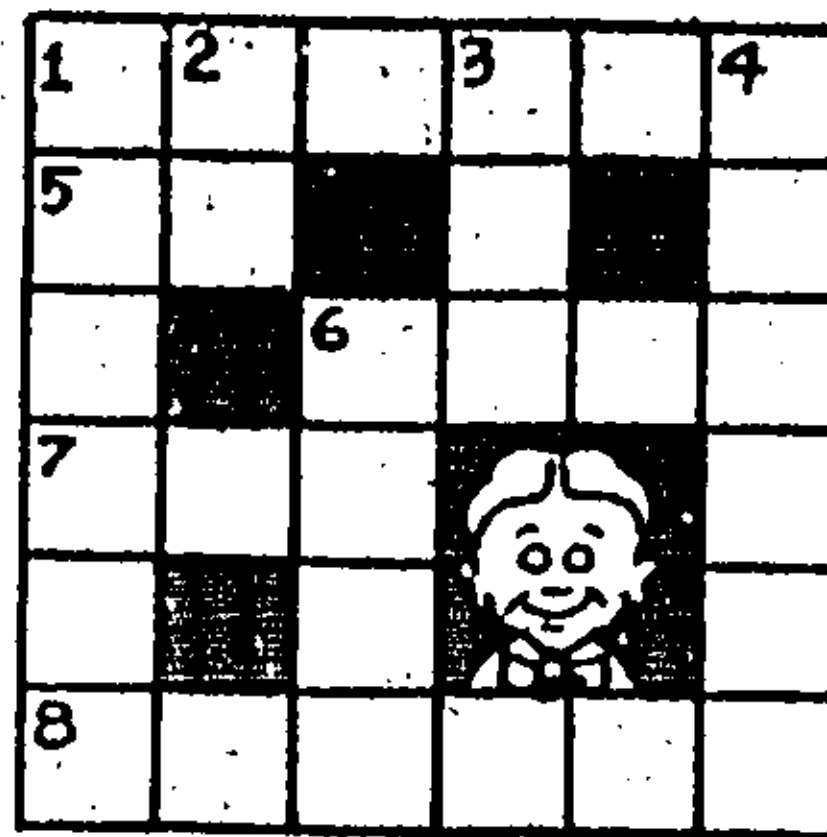
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DOWN—1, SPURS; 2, PREPOSITION; 3, CORRODE; 4, DAY OF REST; 6, AN EXCLAMATION IN CALLING, USED ESPECIALLY BY SPORTSMAN.

A.W. NUGENT

Answer to-morrow.

M. HENRI COSME COMING HERE

Chungking, To-day.
The new French Ambassador to China, M. Henri Cosme, left for Hanoi this morning by plane. He will visit Hong Kong on his return to Shanghai.—Our Own Correspondent.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank \$1345 b.,	\$1330/35 sa.
SHIPPING	
Douglases \$68 1/4 b.	
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
Providents (Old) \$5.40 b.,	\$5.40 sa.
MINING	
Antamoks Ps. 39 sa.	
Atoks Ps. 28 1/2 sa.	
Benguet Consol. Ps. 12.80 sa.	
Coco Grove Ps. 41 sa.	
Demonstrations Ps. 14 sa.	
I. X. L. Ps. 62 sa.	
Paracale Gumaus Ps. 16 1/2 sa.	
San Mauricio Ps. 1.94 sa.	
Suyoc Consol. Ps. 19 sa.	
United Paracales Ps. 69 sa.	
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	

H. K. Realities \$4 1/2 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways \$16 b., \$16 sa.
Sandakan Lights \$11 b.
INDUSTRIALS
Canton Ices \$1 b.
H. K. Ropes \$4.10 b.
STORES, & C.
Wing On (H.K.) \$44 b.
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Recreio Should Win Title

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JUNIOR TEAMS FALTER IN TITLE RACE

IF there were any doubts regarding Recreio's capabilities as cricketers, they were removed once and for all on Saturday when they beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by 91 runs.

I must confess that in spite of their fine record prior to last Saturday, I always had a feeling that they would crack up badly before the season was over. It was almost incredible that a side could go on winning matches with scores of just over 100. It appeared to me that their stock bowlers, E. L. Gosano and H. L. Ozorio must fail sooner or later.

In view of their last two games—against K. C. C. and H. K. C. C.—I now feel that they are practically unbeatable, especially on their own ground and for this reason I cannot see them losing their last fixture against Navy on Saturday. I shall thus be surprised if they do not win the championship they so richly deserve, if not for anything else, for their keenness and activity in the field.

Fine Fielding

While one cannot offer enough praise to Eddie Gosano and H. L. Ozorio for the splendid and consistent manner in which they have carried Recreio's attack, the fielding of the entire team must not be overlooked.

I wonder how far the success of these two bowlers would have been maintained had they been playing for other sides more apt to

ball a good deal but too slowly to be really dangerous. In addition he was not consistent in length and back play against him was as safe as houses.

Second Division

Police championship hopes suffered a setback when they crashed against Craigengower. They were without the services of their cadet-officers, B. C. Fay, H. W. E. Heath and T. H. King, the latter having left for home and the first two crying off at the last minute.

As B. G. Baker has already gone, the team they turned out was really a skeleton of what it was and they were never in the picture.

For Craigengower, N. Broadbridge, who has shown a great improvement with the bat, was top-scorer with 30, while J. L. Stephens, for Police, bowled well to take 4 for 17.

Pope was the only P. R. C. man to make double-figures against consistent bowling by Omar, Lam, Iranee and Way.

At Sookunpoo, Civil Service Cricket Club, displaying form which makes it difficult to understand why they have not won a League match

WHAT RECREIO'S BOWLERS HAVE DONE

That the success of Recreio has been due in no small measure to their bowling and fielding is revealed by the following scores against them:—

Army	16
C.S.C.C.	59
I.R.C.	105
C.C.C.	43
K.C.C.	123
H.K.C.C.	48
(for 8)	394

Avg. per wicket 6.79.

this year, scored a fine victory over Indian Recreation Club.

For this achievement they have to thank, firstly, C. W. Haynes for an excellent piece of bowling, and secondly, young Ainslie for a fine half-century. Haynes had all the I. R. C. batsmen in difficulties with the exception of Razack, who batted confidently for 28, and T. Ali who made 30, was associated with Barma in a fine stand which took the score to over 100.

Fine Innings

Ainslie started slowly but as he settled down he showed more confidence and batted very well indeed. After three wickets had fallen for only 31 runs, he was associated with W. A. Wright in a partnership which added 46.

After four more wickets had fallen quickly, Ainslie and D. Wright stayed together while the required runs were hit off.

Recreio was another potential (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

26 Teams Enter For Hockey 6-A-Sides

Twenty-six teams have entered for the Hong Kong Hockey Association's Six-a-Side Tournament which will be played on Sunday, April 2.

The following clubs entered, with their number of teams in brackets.

- Royal Engineers (1).
- Middlesex Regiment (4).
- Club de Recreio (3).
- H.M.S. Medway and Submarines (2).
- Radio (2).
- Nomads (2).
- Kumaon Rifles (2).
- C.B.A. (2).
- R.A.O.C. (2).
- Kowloon Indians (1).
- Royal Scots (1).
- 8th R.A. Hvy. Regt. (2).
- 7th A.A. Regt. (1).
- 9th A.A. Regt. (1).

The draw will take place on Tuesday next. The draw for the International Tournament will be made on the following Tuesday.

R.A.M.C. Small Units Cricket Win

A brilliant undefeated knock of 93 by Major Swyers (R.A.M.C.) featured the semi-final round match in the Small Units Knockout Cricket Competition, at Sookunpoo last Sunday and Monday when Royal Army Medical Corps beat 40th Company, Royal Engineers, who only fielded nine men, by 69 runs.

R.A.M.C.: 213 (S/Sgt. Patterson 34, Major Harvey 18, Major Swyers not out 93, Cpl. Shorthouse 11, Cpl. Parkin 14; Q. M. S. Goodger 6 for 43, Cpl. Denyer 4 for 73).

40th Coy. R.E.: 144 (Q.M.S. Goodger 17, Spr. Bailey 52, L/Sgt. Shipp 20, Q.M.S. Buckle 10, Spr. Pike 18; Cpl. Webb 3 for 3).

W. BASTIN WIN K.G.C. CAPTAIN'S CUP COMPETITION

W. Bastin (12) won the final of the Kowloon Golf Club Captain's Cup Competition recently, beating W. C. Simpson (8), 7 and 5.

The Hong Foursomes final was won by the Harbour Office (R. K. Collings, 5, and T. B. Low (10), who beat Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels (F. C. Barry, 9, and E. O. Murphy, 14) by 4 and 3.

H.K. Wonders Trounce Greyhounds

In an interesting ten-pin match played at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys last evening, in the second stage of the Ewo League, Hong Kong Wonders beat Greyhounds, a team from H.M.S. Thracian, by 375 points.

Scores:—				
Hong Kong Wonders				
P. Hollis	163	177	150	490
S. Landolt	170	132	153	455
Gaddi	157	135	128	420
Talan	117	148	145	410
Total				1,775
Greyhounds				
G. Carter	137	114	137	388
G. Willis	111	153	120	384
Annis	107	118	102	327
R. Toms	93	89	119	301
Total				1,400

championship team which crashed badly on Saturday. Following their recent defeat at the hands of K. C. C., they were well beaten by Club at Chater Road.

This was one of the few occasions this season that Recreio's bowling was really collared. Although R. Soares kept a length and finished up with 5 for 37, Lowe, Divett, Mitchell and Bishop all made useful scores and the Club innings realised 173. Divett, Fox and Robb then put Recreio out for 118. G. N. Gosano batted steadily for 38 while Barros hit sturdily for his 22.

BY "ADREM"

drop chances than hold them.

On Saturday, faced with accurate bowling and given nothing in the field, Club folded up badly. True they were not at full strength but if they had no one else in the team, there was always a possibility that Owen Hughes, Alec Pearce or John Pearce would have really got going in which case anything might have resulted.

Devastating Bowling

As it happened none of them did. Gosano was far too devastating. He made fine pace off a wicket which should not have suited a bowler of his pace, pitched on or outside the middle stump and turned away sufficiently to beat the bat.

Club's innings was just a procession and for the second time this season on this ground against this same team, they failed to top the 50 mark.

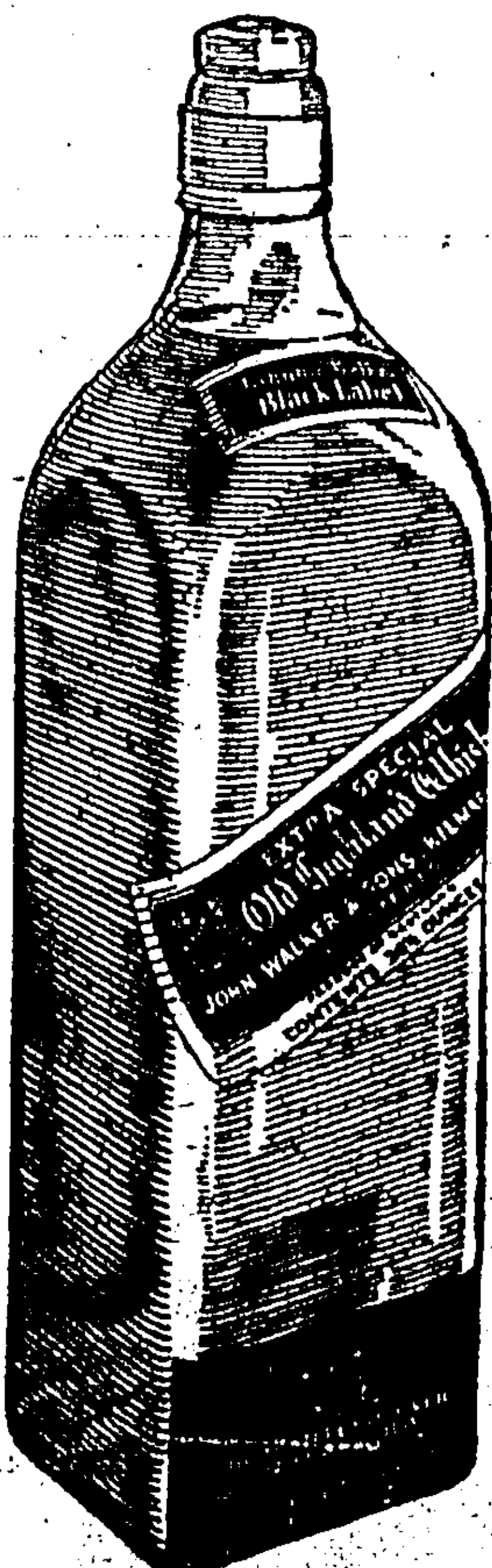
How are the mighty fallen!

With the bat, Recreio gave one of their best displays of the League season, no fewer than seven batsmen reaching double-figures.

W. A. Reed, who fought such a fine rearguard action against K. C. C., and Beltrao, were featured in a last wicket stand which added almost 30 runs.

John Pearce was the most successful Club bowler but I have certainly seen him perform better than he did on this occasion. He turned the

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CHOA DICTATES TERMS TO SIRDAR RUMJAHN

High-Class Tennis At Hong Kong C.C.

(By "ADREM")

IF EVER THE PERFORMANCE OF A PLAYER IN THE LOCAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS DESERVED A BETTER FATE, IT WAS THAT OF YOUTHFUL GEORGE CHOA, WHO YESTERDAY LOST TO S. A. RUMJAHN AT THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB IN AN INTERESTING GAME BY 7-5, 6-4.

If Sirdar's game yesterday was sufficiently sound and tenacious to warrant his eventual victory, Choa at least deserved a set. As a matter of fact he led 4-1 in the first and at that stage was definitely controlling the game.

It is a long time since one has seen a comparative newcomer to the Colony championships dictating terms in a game against Rumjahn.

Except for isolated occasions, throughout both sets, Choa set the pace and Rumjahn merely concentrated on retrieving. If the positions had been reversed it would only have been as it should. Actually, had one arrived late and watched a solitary game, except that Choa's youthful appearance would have belied it, one would have been surprised to learn that he was not the ex-champion and Rumjahn an aspirant for honours.

BEAUTIFUL STROKING

Choa's strokes were all classically executed. His forehand drive, while seldom if ever an outright winner, was well-placed with cleverly-disguised direction which had his opponent on the wrong foot times without number. On both hands he kept a fine length which he varied skilfully.

His net attacks were well-planned and his volleying sound although rarely crisp enough to "kill" Sirdar's returns even when he was well-placed. Overhead he was also safe and he scored quite frequently with a full-blooded smash.

Only fault I could find with his game generally was in a matter of tactics. In the later stages when Rumjahn was piling on pressure and going in to the net on those heavily sliced drives of his, I felt that Choa might have resorted to lobbing with more advantage.

Rumjahn at the net was almost unpassable and Choa's backhand drive, when he was hurried, was not nearly steamy enough to score. I did not see Choa attempt one lob throughout the game.

RUMJAHN AS EVER

Comment on Rumjahn's game does not seem to be necessary. It was as it always is. Only apparent difference appeared to be his physical condition. His performance yesterday leads me to doubt his ability to last a long match—hitherto his forte.

His retrieving was as ever extraordinary. As far as he is concerned a point is never lost or won until the ball is either out of court or in the net and it is this fighting spirit which still continues to break up the games of all but the very top-notchers.

I was pleased to see that Choa did not crack even after losing that first set when he appeared in a commanding position.

Choa will be a champion, I venture to predict, as soon as he is

physically capable of standing up to the strain of these matches.

"H.D." AND WONG WIN

The other "big" match yesterday saw H. D. Rumjahn advance at the expense of F. H. Kwok, the left-hander from C.R.C.

Like his cousin's match, H. D.'s was not without its anxious moments. In the first set, Kwok retrieving everything, led 5-4, 15-40 against service, but then unaccountably collapsed and offered little resistance to lose that set and then the next, while winning only two more games.

In the only other game, Wong Shiu-wing beat Ma Wai-kwong 6-2, 6-3.

SAINTS TO MEET S. CHINA "A" TO-DAY

Weather permitting, South China "A" will meet St. Joseph's in their postponed First Division Football game at Caroline Hill this afternoon at 5.15 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AT A GLANCE

OPEN SINGLES

S. A. Rumjahn beat G. Choa 7-5, 6-4.

H. D. Rumjahn beat F. H. Kwok 7-5, 6-2.

Wong Shiu-wing beat Ma Wai-kwong 6-2, 6-3.

Club Handicap Singles

T. J. Gould (-15) beat B. O'M. Deane (-4.6) 6-1, 7-5.

C. M. Stark (+3.0) beat Capt. R. B. Lecky (-15) 8-6, 4-6, 8-6.

Club Handicap Doubles

R. C. Beavan and A. K. Mackenzie (-1.6) beat T. J. and E. R. Price (-1.6) 6-3, 6-3.

Handicap Mixed Doubles

H. J. and Miss G. Scull (+3.6) received a walk over from Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walkden (+2.6).

Club Championship

T. A. Pearce beat T. C. Monaghan 6-2, 7-9, 6-0.

KOWLOON TONG TENNIS TOURNEY

It is announced that the annual tennis tournaments of the Kowloon Tong Club are to be held shortly.

Entries are asked for the following events and should be sent to the tennis sub-committee before March 31, the date of closing of entries.

Championship Singles.

Handicap Singles.

Championship Doubles.

Handicap Doubles.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

Entrance fees are \$2. for each singles event or \$3. for both, and for the doubles, \$3. per pair in each event. New balls will be provided for each match.

Chinese XI For Lai Wah Cup Final

The following will represent the Chinese against the Civilians in the Final of the Lai Wah Cup Competition on Sunday:

Tam Kwan-kon (S. China "B"); Hau Yung-sang (Kwong Wah) and Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A"); Soong Ling-sing (Eastern), Leing Wing-chiu (S. China "A") and Hsu King-sing (S. China "B"); Tang Kwong-sum (S. China "A"); Fung King-cheong (S. China "A"); Lee Wai-tong (S. China "A") (Captain), Lai Shiu-wing (S. China "A") and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: Mak Shiu-hon (S. China "A"), Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"), Yeung Shui-yick (S. China "B"), Lee Tacky (Eastern), Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern), Chan Bing-to (Eastern), Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Chau Man-chi (Eastern) and Wong King-cheung (Eastern).

LIGHT BLUES LEAD IN GOLF CONTEST

London, To-day.

Cambridge beat Oxford by 3 matches to 1 with one halved in yesterday's foursomes, during the first round stages of the Inter Varsity Golf contest, which was played over the Sandwich course. The 10 singles matches will be held to-day.—Reuter.

R.A. Golf Meeting

The Royal Artillery Golf Meeting will be held at Fanling on Monday, April 3, by kind permission of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. Serving and retired Officers of the Royal Artillery are eligible to compete. Any enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, R. A. Golf Meeting, Headquarters, China Command.

As The Ball Spins

By BEST BALL

The spin applied to the golf ball at impact is what actually keeps it travelling straighter and with better control. Former smooth covered balls were known to dart here and there in their flight, until some observant person noticed that the nicked ones travelled better and started the meshed and dimpled era. This sort of cover allows the blade of the club a better contact and insures a greater spin.

In contrast consider the ball hit from wet clover and notice how hard it is to control. Here the clubface has a difficult time applying spin because the moisture and

GRAPHIC GOLF



juice of the crushed plant form a film between the two. The greater the loft of the club, in ratio to the power imparted, the greater the spin.

On the well watered greens it is no great feat to hit straight forward shots with enough spin on them to hold the green, once they land near it. For quick rising shots the loft of the club can be increased by laying the face back. To apply the greatest amount of actual spin, however, it is necessary to hit down on the ball contacting it before the ground, the clubhead

following down through and taking a divot in the turf afterward. This applies the back spin to the ball. Friday—Learning from Observation.

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Great Double For Wolves?

Saturday's Semi-Final F.A. Cup Matches

PORTSMOUTH FAVOURED TO BEAT HUDDERSFIELD

(By AIR MAIL)

WITH unfashionable Grimsby as their opponents, Wolverhampton Wanderers look almost "certain" for the Wembley Cup final. Having disposed of Everton in one of their hardest matches of the competition, Major Buckley's eleven should have little to fear from Grimsby in this clash at Old Trafford on Saturday.

Now that they have steered clear of Portsmouth in the Cup, Wolves have a great chance of breaking a 42-year-old record and completing the coveted "double" — Cup and League championship in one season.

Portsmouth, who shattered the hopes of the Cup-holders last Saturday fortnight, are the only side left to carry the banner of the South, and they are strongly fancied to triumph over Huddersfield Town at Highbury.

"Pompey" have not conceded a goal in this season's tournament, and as they have never yet won the Cup, although having figured in two finals, this fine team will have every incentive. It is interesting to note that Grimsby, alone of the five teams concerned, have yet to reach the final.

THE DRAW

The draw, together with officials, for the semi-finals of the English F.A. Cup-ties, to be played on Saturday are as follows:—

PORTSMOUTH V. HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

At Arsenal Stadium, Referee, S. Boardman (Cheshire); linesmen, P. Stevens (Beds.) and Flt.-Sgt. J. Boyer (R.A.F.).

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS V. GRIMSBY TOWN

At Manchester United's ground. Referee, F. W. Wort (Kent).

CLASH OF FIXTURES

The English F.A. Council could not choose Manchester City's ground at Maine Road for one of the ties as this would have meant competition with Manchester United, who would have fulfilled their League fixture (now postponed) with Everton on that date.

It is the practice of the Association, in cases where a town possesses two League clubs, not to arrange a big fixture there which would compete with the team playing at home.

IF ANY REPLAYS

Tottenham Hotspur offered their ground to the authorities, but Arsenal's offer was accepted instead. In the event of replays, the Ports-

mouth v. Huddersfield game will be played on Aston Villa's ground; and Wolverhampton v Grimsby on Sheffield Wednesday's ground.

Transatlantic Tour Of Scottish F.A.

JUNIOR LEAGUE CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

(By AIR MAIL)

OFFICIALS to accompany the Scottish team during the Canadian and American tour were appointed at a meeting of the Council of the Scottish Football Association in Glasgow.

Mr. Douglas Bowie, the president, who occupied the chair, intimated, as also did the other officer-bearers, inability to accompany the team. The secretary, Mr. G. G. Graham, was appointed the official in charge, while the following members of Council were nominated for two vacancies:—Mr. John Lamb, Arbroath F.C., Mr. Fred Dodd, Hamilton Academicals F.C., and Mr. John Henderson, King's Park F.C. The vote resulted in the election of Messrs. Lamb and Dodd, who each received 23 votes, as against 15 for Mr. Henderson.

The selection of players and all other arrangements was left to the Selection Committee.

NATIONAL TICKETS WARNING

The chairman directed attention to a matter arising out of the allotment of tickets for the international match with England and the Scottish Cup final. He stated that he had been handed a book of tickets for "a grand gift scheme," the prizes for which included reserved seats at these two matches. It must be understood, he remarked, that there was a clause to prevent these tickets being sold for re-sale at enhanced prices, or being used as prizes in connection with competitions. That was a matter entirely against their regulations. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary.

Satisfaction was expressed by Mr. R. Williamson at the outcome of the Junior Conference Commit-

LONDON CALEDONIANS TO CARRY ON

London Caledonians, the well-known Isthmian League club, who won the English F.A. amateur cup in 1928 have decided, at an extraordinary general meeting, to carry on for next season.

It was revealed at the meeting that there had been an encouraging response to the appeal for £500. The crisis was caused by the poor support the club's matches received at Park Royal Stadium, where they moved from Tu'ell Park, and it was decided to seek cheaper accommodation either by a reduction of rent or a new ground. The result of the appeal made it certain that liabilities for this year would be cleared, and definite promises have been received of sums up to £105 for next season.

OWNERS AND TRAINERS ARE UNUSUALLY OPTIMISTIC

European Situation Has Little Effect On Grand National

London, To-day.

Considering the tremendous odds against any horse even finishing the Grand National course, many owners and trainers are singularly optimistic regarding the chances of their entrants.

Goldsmith, trainer of Black Hawk, considers his horse to have a very good chance, while Beeby, trainer of Brendan's Cottage and Rocquilla, thinks the former horse has an excellent chance, having won a race previously over the same course, while Rockquilla also likes Aintree.

Mr. Arthur Sainsbury, owner of Blueshirt, says that his horse is running and jumping much better this year than last when it finished seventh in the Grand National. Bridgeman, trainer of Epiphaneas, points out that his horse has never fallen, while Wight, trainer of Inversible, said his horse had a winning chance.

Good, trainer of Pencraik, said that his horse was an Aintree specialist and was sure to complete the course, while Walker, trainer of Royal Danieli, expects his horse to give a good show. Rimell, trainer of Temewillow, considers his entry as a typical Aintree type, while Sir Alexander McGuire, owner of Workman, said he was very hopeful.

Despite the European situation, railways and airways report the usual gigantic business.—Reuter.

NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Baseball League last night, various new rules for participation were decided upon and a new committee elected.

Major V. E. Duclos was elected President, F. J. Molthen vice-President, H. A. Barros, Treasurer, Roy Lau Secretary, and F. V. Molthen, Roy Lau, Bill Smith and C. Horton Grounds Committee.

Following discussion the following decisions were reached at the meeting:

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for entries for the League's games will be April 14 at 5 p.m., a meeting of the League to be held at 6 p.m. the same day.

Entrance fees will be \$15, with a further \$50 fee for membership ticket.

The ball used in any League game must be supplied by the League.

No club is to be allowed to take the field until all the fees are paid.

All teams must adopt the official baseball uniform of trousers and shirt, with proper insignia on the shirt.

CHIEF UMPIRE

F. J. Molthen is to be Empire Chief, and an arbitration committee is to be elected by the new President, Secretary and Treasurer and to be composed of three non-participating members.

It was disclosed that the League's balance is \$280.

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SMILING TIME'S UNFORTUNATE STUMBLE IN TYTAM H'CAP

(By "RAPIER")

THE First Extra Race meeting at the Valley last Saturday was a distinct success; keen and splendid racing being witnessed. The attendance was most satisfactory and this was reflected in the support which the cash sweeps department received. The track was in fine condition despite the rain of the previous day, and fairly fast times were recorded in several instances.

As expected, Mr. C. Encarnacao was the leading jockey, with three wins, followed by Mr. B. L. Tao and Mr. V. V. Needa, with two wins each. Mr. Encarnacao so far leads the list of successful jockeys, and if he continues in this present form will ultimately wear the crown of Champion Jockey for the second year in succession. Honours among the Owners were evenly divided, Mr. Eu Tong-sen and Dynasty having two wins each.

A BAD START

The first race, the Hay and Corn Stakes, was a sprint affair from the 1½ mile post, and this started the beginning of the day's upsets. Backed strongly, Dekko, with Mr. Peter Wei up, was expected to win this race, and its failure was due to a bad start. On the other hand, Desert Star, the ultimate winner, managed to shoot forward on the rise of the barrier and was so far in front that its win was a foregone conclusion. But for this timely lead, Desert Star could not possibly have won. It was still leading on coming into the straight, but met with a strong challenge from Dekko and Guinness Time (Mr. Encarnacao).

Towards the end, Desert Star rapidly tired and only a last-minute urge by its jockey, Mr. S. W. Pan, managed to get it past the winning post a neck in front of Dekko, with Guinness Time, a head behind, taking third place. It was a great finish for the opening event, and this was Mr. Pan's first win of the 1939 season.

AVON'S GOOD WIN

The Loiterers Stakes was another sprint event, with five new griffins taking part, these being ridden by novice jockeys. Here again the favourite failed. The race itself, however, was quite interesting.

Peaceful View (Mr. K. I. Ip) got away to a flying start, with Avon (Mr. G. Treverton) behind, and Jennifer (Mr. R. M. Wood), the favourite, further back.

On passing the Rock, Peaceful View was still in front, but its lead was being gradually cut down, and by the time the ponies reached the stands, Avon was in front and stayed there to the end, despite Mr. K. I. Ip's effort on Peaceful View.

HUMDRUM EVE'S SURPRISE

Only three ponies faced the starter in the third race, the All Out Stakes, which resulted in an easy win for King's Warden, Oak Bay (Mr. Proulx) was expected in certain quarters to give a good account of itself as the race was over six furlongs, and this confidence was no doubt due to Mr.

Proulx's ability to get his mount off to a flying start. On this occasion, however, Mr. Needa kept a watchful eye on him, and although Oak Bay did jump in front, it was not sufficiently far ahead to prove a menace. Mr. Needa had a sitting win on King's Warden, and the surprise of the race came in the defeat of Oak Bay for second position by Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih).

CHILTERN'S GRAND FINISH

The fourth race, the Randwick Plate, over one mile for Australian ponies of this season that had not won a race, was really a grand race to watch, with an exciting finish. Devonian (Mr. Black) and Chiltern (Mr. Encarnacao) shared the honours in the betting.

From the first, Devonian took the lead and maintained it for most of the journey, whereas Mr. Encarnacao was satisfied to keep Chiltern in the rear. Coming into the straight, it looked as if it was going to be a fight between Devonian and National Victory, but, responding gamely, Chiltern gradually overhauled the leader and won a grand race in the last few lengths.

Backers of the favourites were let down badly in the fifth race, the Tytam Handicap (First Section) over one mile, which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double."

Muskeeter (Mr. Wei) carried 2,132 tickets to win, and Orange Boven (Mr. Encarnacao), 1,053 tickets to place, but they both failed.

It was left to King Kong, well and truly ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao, to spring a surprise.

HANDICAP TOO HEAVY?

Muskeeter's failure was no doubt due to the heavy weight which it carried. A pony of 13.2, it was called on to shoulder 168 lbs., penalty for its one win and one second. King Kong, a pony of 14.1, which would ordinarily have to carry 161 lbs. had an allowance of 7 lbs. in spite of the fact that it had also won a race previously.

Muskeeter, as expected, took the lead from the start and on rounding the bend was well in front, but King Kong came along with a great burst of speed to take the lead and win. Mr. Black made a great effort on Strathbannock, on the outside, but to no avail. Muskeeter was third, and Orange Boven simply faded out of the picture long before the end of the race.

NO INTEREST

The sixth race, the Hong Kong Handicap (First Section) over 1¼ miles, finished in the nature of a procession. Only four ponies accepted, and Rose Elect (Mr. Encarnacao), carrying 168 lbs., romped home an easy winner. There was nothing of interest in the race beyond Moonlight View's fine effort to secure second place, beating both Red Feather (Mr. Black) and Wild Life (Mr. Wei) from the Dunbar



Stable.

UNFORTUNATE STUMBLE

Out of the 108 tickets held on King Kong in the first leg of the "Daily Double," a ticklish problem was presented in making the right connection in the second leg, which was the Tytam Handicap (Second Section), and in which subscription griffins of this season, of unknown ability, participated.

Silver Star's win, although well deserved, was really somewhat lucky in nature. Mr. Tao rode a great race on Silver Star, but had it not been for the fact that Smiling Time (Mr. Encarnacao) was shut out and that it nearly stumbled at a critical stage, the result might have been different.

Clustered together most of the way, Silver Star and Pall Mall (Mr. Yuen) asserted themselves on coming into the straight, and these two appeared about to fight out the finish. Out of sight at first, Smiling Time came through about 100 yards from the end. Just then the pony stumbled, and good horsemanship on the part of Mr. Encarnacao prevented a spill. But that brief moment caused Smiling Time's defeat, and the 24 tickets on it in the second leg of the "double" missed a substantial dividend. Mr. Encarnacao did make a great attempt, aided by the whip, and with another few lengths to go it might have won. At any rate, it only lost by a neck, with Pall Mall, a head behind, taking third place.

PUNTERS AGAIN SHOCKED!

Punters were due for yet another shock in the very next race, the Hong Kong Handicap (second section) over 1¼ miles. Boolat Bay (Mr. Wei) and Tampa Bay (Mr. Black), from the same stable, carried most bets, but I fail to understand why Rose Jane (Mr. Encarnacao) was left so severely alone. On the last day of the Annual Meeting, Rose Jane snatched a grand win from Tampa Bay, and yet the latter was preferred.

Trailing behind for most of the race, I thought at one stage that Rose Jane did not have a chance of winning. On the other hand, King's Lead (Mr. Needa) was running very strongly, but could not provide a strong enough finish. Boolat Bay was never really in the picture.

Coming into the straight, the leaders were grouped and taking advantage of an opening, Mr. Encarnacao shot forward to win a fine race, with Tampa Bay second, and Scenic View third—exactly the same order in which they finished on a previous occasion.

COMPLETE FAILURE

In the last race, the Moonie Ponds Handicap, for old Australian ponies, over one mile, there was yet another upset—the complete failure of Snowy River (Mr. W. H. S. Davis). In the Australian Ponies Champions Snowy River very nearly created a surprise, and yet last Saturday it ran unplaced. It was made strong favourite, but at the very last minute there was a strong demand for tickets for Aztec (Mr. S. C. Liang), from the same stable.

Criffel (Mr. Proulx) took up the running from the start and at one time it had a commanding lead, but coming into the straight it was strongly challenged by A Great Time (Mr. T. Y. Woo).

From the outside, however, Mr. Needa made a great effort on King's Privilege, and, amid great excitement, he just managed to win by half a length, with only a short head separating Criffel from A Great Time. It was certainly a fitting ending to a day of keen racing in which favourites had a ruinous day.

LATEST JOCKEY CLUB PONY CLASSIFICATION

The following is the latest Hong Kong Jockey Club pony classification as at March 20, 1939.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

"A" CLASS

Able Amazon, Courting Eve, Double Finesse, Electron, Gypsy Love, Lancashire Chips, Lucky Lad, Strathroy.

"B" CLASS

A Grand Time, Ajax, Aztec, Blandford, Brutus, Candlelight, Centre Court, Chiltern, Cockleroi, Criffel, Derby Day, Devonian, Flinders River, Gale, Golden Arrow, Happy Landings, High Jump, Janber, Katinka, King's Herald, King's Privilege, Loquacious, Magic, National Victory, Ranger, Rising Star, Rivulet, Sea King, Snowy River, Sydney Lad, Tarzan, Teviotdale, Tornado Star, Triumphant Day, Victory Day, Vixen Tor, Winfred.

"C" CLASS

African Diamond, A Great Time, A Lovely Time, Amber II, Annabella, Bag Tor, Balatoc, Bredon, Bruno, Cairnsmore, Cape York, Dick Turpin, Discovery Bay, Heinz, Helium, Little Audrey, Macquarie River, Murray River, Olympiad Court, Perfect Day, Poconos, Pumpernickel, Roofly, Ruby Star, Schmetterling, Strathcarrick, Twilight Star, Violet Queen, Zodiac.

CHINA PONIES

"A" CLASS

Bear Claw, Cameronian, Confusion Bay, Desert Chief, Happy Eve, King's Warden, Navylight, Rose Elect.

"B" CLASS

Ayon, Blue Express, Boolat Bay, Commencement Bay, Conquering Time, Eve of Harvest, Eve of Heaven, Expansion Time, Galaxy, Gladiator, Half-Moon Eve, Handicap Eve, Havoc Eve, Honeymoon Eve, Humdrum Eve, Hyndford Bridge, Jober, Just In Time, Lancashire Lass, Lilliber, Moonlight View, New Star, Oak Bay, Peaceful View, Potentate, Red Feather, Rob Roy, Royal Scot, Soldier of Britain, Tampa Bay, Wild Life.

"C" CLASS

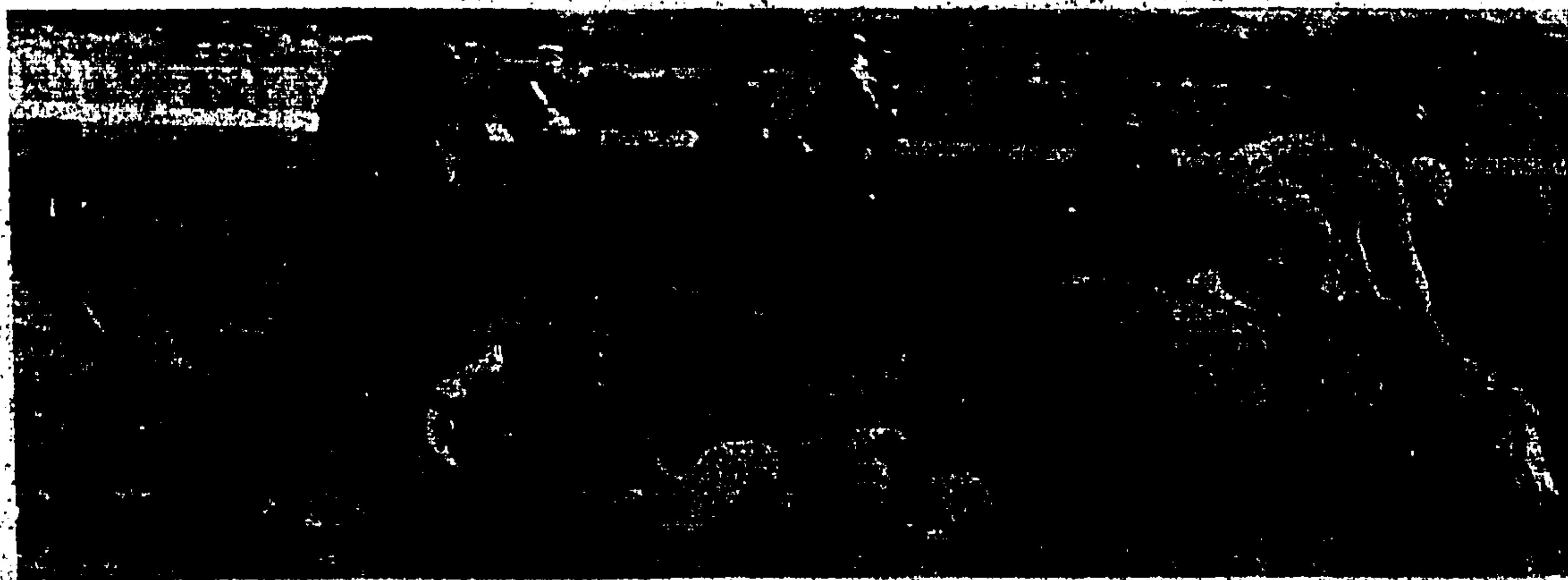
Alligator, Amberley, Apilas, Bistre, Blue Diamond, Bright View, Celtic Star, Dawn Star, English Cavalier, Forgotten Star, Galveston Jay, Gold Coin, Hectic View, Jennifer, King Kong, King's Lead, Lady Love, Lancashire Boy, Laughing Buddha, Laughing Girl, Lovely Star, Marksman, Mayber, Musketeer, National Defence, National Pride, Night View, Pinfarthings, Rose Emily, Rose Evelyn, Rose Fiana, Rose Jane, Rose Queen, Salvage Master, Scenic View, Smiling Thru, Soldier of China, Taxing Master, The Tigress, Tyne, Viber, Wild Cat.

"D" CLASS

Advancing Time, Black Monday, Bressay, Chatterbox, Coronation Day, Dekko, Desert Star, Diogenes, Double Chance, Ebony Idol, Emergency Call, Estover, February Fourth, Fei Ying, Final Triumph, Flybynight, Golden Cow, Golden Sovereign, Good Morning, Guinness Time, Jungle Jim, King's Envoy, Kut Cheung, Lancashire Chap, Magog, Matador, Meteor, Milleaye, National Anthem, National Guard, National Honour, Orange Boven, Pull Mall, Phoenix, Piet Hein, Plain View, Portrush, Racing Boy, Radium Star, Ring Master, Royal Highness, Shipmaster, Silver Star, Smiling Time, Sports Venture, Starlet, Strathbannock, Sunlight View, Sylvandale, Tabby Cat, Talkative, Tempest, The Leopard, This Time, Tiny Tim, Tribute, Valorous, Wenning, Whalsey, Wilber, Wild Bear, Willynilly, Zero.

"E" CLASS

Arabian Cat, Argon, Ascot Vale, Avalon, Battleship, Black Diamond, Blaisdon, Bogey, Charcoal, Charybdis, Fairchild, Gallant Marshal, Gaucho, Geordie, Gog, Gold Tower, Green Bay, Heddon, Horiot, High Tower, King's Parade, Lambeth Bridge, Lucky Eleven, Mayfair Court, National Dignity, National Liberty, National Service, New Bedford, Old Fashioned, Opening Batsman, Fabier, Patriotic Day, Rose Day, Sea Horse, Some Hope, Sports Gesture, Stymlie, Sunshine Susie, Thanksgiving Day, The Buccaneer, The Gray Tiger, The Marmad, The Spirit of St. Louis, Tiger Eyes, True Love, Welcome, Yum Sing.



Four horse were killed in the first two races at the National Hunt meeting at Cheltenham on March 7, most important fixture of the winter season, and there were many falls. Photo shows—Two mounts coming to grief in the third race, the Champion Hurdle Challenge Cup, they are "Bahuddin" and "Solford" (No. 12). (Copyright, Fox)

Jack Grenham In Studio Song Recital

To-day's Wireless

Speech By French President From Guildhall

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
(9.52 megacycles)

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Elsie Carlisle and Jack Hylton's Orchestra.
"Bitter Sweet" Selection (Coward) Orchestra.
Conversation for Two (Emmerich) Elsie Carlisle.
Fox-Trots—Girls were made to Love and Kiss; Waltz—Love Live for Ever and rule my Heart ("Paganini")... Jack Hylton's Orchestra.
Everyone must have a sweetheart (Grundland); Proud of You (David)... Elsie Carlisle.
Fox-Trots—A Melody for Two; September in the Rain... Jack Hylton's Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—B.B.C. Orchestras and Reginald Foort.
"Iolanthe" Overture (Gilbert & Sullivan)... B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra.
Lower Come Back to Me (Romberg); One Kiss (Romberg)... Reginald Foort.
Leslie Stuart Selection "Soldiers of the King"; "Tell Me, Pretty Maiden"; "In the Shade of the Palm"; "Little Dolly Daydream"; "Sweetheart May"; "Lily of Laguna"... Reginald Foort.
H.M.S. Pinafore—Selection (Gilbert & Sullivan)... B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
The Little Boy that Santa Claus Forgot... Les Allen Baritone with Piano.
Quicksteps—Swingin' in the Corn; Who Stole the Jam... Nat Gonella's Georgians.
Isn't this a Lovely Day; No Strings (from film Top Hat)... Ginger Rogers.
Knock, Knock, Who's There?... Vic Oliver with Sarah Churchill.
Vic Oliver Ambles on... Vic Oliver.
Little Piccaninny Mine... Les Allen & His Canadian Bachelors.
Fox-Trots—Yes, There Ain't No Moonlight; If You were the Only Girl in the world... Nat Gonella's Georgians.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Rubinstein playing Chopin.
Nocturne in F Major, Op. 15, No. 1.
Nocturne in B Major, Op. 9, No. 3.
Polonaise in C Sharp Minor, Op. 26, No. 1.
Nocturne in F Sharp Major, Op. 15, No. 2.
Nocturne in G Minor, Op. 15, No. 3.
6.25 p.m.—Haydn—Trio in G Major.
Cortot, Thibaud, and Casals.
6.39 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.
6.42 p.m.—John Goss and the Cathedral Quartet.
The Boatmen (Harris).
The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy-Scott).
Agincourt (Willan).
Here's a Health unto His Majesty.
6.52 p.m.—Zarah Leander with Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.
Song of the Nightingale (Hudson & Ailbott); The Second Serenade (Heykens)... Orchestra.
Three Stars Shine in the Sky (Brenner); Love Makes Women Beautiful (Gesell)... Zarah Leander.
You Will Remember Vienna (Romberg); I Bring a Love Song (Romberg)... The Orchestra.
Looking For You (Sanderson); An Old Violin (Fisher)... Albert Sandler (Violin), Olive Groves (Soprano).
Longing; Yes, Sir (Benatzky)... Zarah Leander.
Cuban Serenade (Midgley); Maruschka (De Leur)... The Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—Some New Variety Numbers.
Stop Beatin' Round the Mulberry Bush (Boland)—Quickstep; Don't Cross Your Fingers, Cross Your Heart (Marks)—Fox-Trot... Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
A Bird in a Gilded Cage (von Tilzer) A Vocal Burlesque... Jerry Colonna.
All Ashore (Billy Hill); Goodbye to Summer (Phillips)... The London Piano Accordion Band.
There's a Lull in My Life (Gordon-Revel); Wake Up and Live (Gordon-Revel)... Alice Faye.
I Just Couldn't Take It, Baby (Nichols); Junk Man (Meyer)... Jack

Teagarden & His Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Time Signal & Weather Report.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Jack Grenham in a Recital of Light Songs.
8.30 p.m.—London—At the Black Dog. Mr. Wilkes at Home in His Bar Parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynold & Pascoe Thornton.
9 p.m.—London—Empire Exchange. Points of View by Travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.
9.15 p.m.—London—"Accordeon". Some Favourite Tunes played by Phil Green.
9.30 p.m.—The News.
9.50 p.m.—A French Programme.
Ouvre Tes Yeux Bleus (Massenet)... Edmond Raimbaud (Tenor).
Musette et Tambourin (Rameau)... Orchestre Symphonique.
Valse de l'Adieu (Chopin arr. Darc); L'Adorable Cantilene (Chapelle)... Ninon Vallin (Soprano).
Le Petit Capitaine (Raquelle)... Leslie Jeffries & His Orchestra.
Si Vous L'Aviez Compris (Donza); Berceuse de Joselyn (Godard)... Andre D'Arko (Tenor).
La Marseillaise... La Garde Republicaine Band.
10.15 p.m.—London—The President of the French Republic at the Guildhall. Speech by M. Lebrun, preceded by the Lord Mayor's Address of Welcome from Guildhall, London.
10.35 p.m.—London—The Lincoln. A Commentary on the Lincolnshire Handicap from Carlholme, Lincoln.
10.50 p.m.—Dance Music.
Popular Hits... Banjo Medley by Morgan & Hadley.
I'm Singing a Song for the Old Folks... Billy Cotton & His Band.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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Both sides vulnerable

7 6 3
K 4
A K 8 6 2
Q 9 5
10 9
8 8 5
Q 10 7 3
J 7 4 2
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10 7 6 2
9 5 4
K 10 8 8
A K Q 8 4 2
A Q J 3
J
A 6

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
10	Pass	2♠	Pass
NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

WINNING VALUES OF THE FOURACE SYSTEM
ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 1
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There was nothing to the play of the hand. It is given as an example of how natural bidding methods allowed North to show the King of hearts.
North's opening bid was of course a minimum, which he clearly showed by his bids of two notrump and four spades, and showed once more when he merely went from five hearts to five spades. Now when South continued to show controls by his six-club bid, North realized that his King of hearts might be a very important card. Hence, North bid six hearts, showing that King, whereupon South was able to bid the Grand Slam.

It will be noted that if North held the King of clubs instead of the King of hearts, the Grand Slam

would depend on a heart finesse and should not have been bid.

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday and held:

Q x x
A K x x x
x x x
Q x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	(1)	

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four spades. Although you have only three trumps, there is a strong presumption when your partner first bids a spade and later three clubs, that he holds a five-card spade suit. Three spades would be a mere preference, and while undoubtedly your partner will bid four spades, you might miss a slam. Three hearts would be a sign-off and he might even pass. Five spades would be more than your hand warrants.

Score 100% for four spades, 80% for three spades, 50% for three hearts, 30% for five spades, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 54

You are playing with Oswald Jacoby and hold:

Q x x
A x x x
Q x x
Q x

The bidding proceeds:

Jacoby	Maier	You	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	(1)	

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Marie Antoinette", with Norma Shearer, Tyrone Power, John Barrymore, Robert Morley, Anita Louise, and Joseph Schildkraut. The picture, that has been widely acclaimed. Nothing has been spared in the production and is in itself a lavish spectacular triumph.

AT THE STAR—"You're a Sweetheart". Too-tomping tunes, singable songs, and the glitter and whirl of Broadway after dark. A high calibre cast of the screen's top-notch entertainment. Headed by beautiful Alice Faye, the cast includes George Murphy, Ken Murray, Bill Gargan, Andy Devine and Charles Winninger.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Stella Dallas". Starring Barbara Stanwyck, this is the heart story of a vulgar, tawdry woman whom you will call magnificent. It is directed by King Vidor and includes in the cast John Boles, Anne Shirley, Alan Hale, Tim Holt and Al Shean.

AT THE CATHAY—"Passport Husband". Involved by rival gangs in a nefarious scheme to save a gangster's moll deportation; Stuart Erwin suddenly develops qualities that bring blood-thirsty lawbreakers to an unexpected and hilarious downfall. With him are Pauline Moore, Douglas Fowley, Joan

Woodbury, Harold Huber and Robert Lowery.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Pacific Liner", with Victor McLaglen, Wendie Barry, and Barry Fitzgerald. A striking cross-section of life on board an ocean steamer returning from the Orient is dramatically woven in this story wheel, reveals a unique contrast between the sophisticated passengers and the grimy, hard-driven crew toiling in the gloomy depths of the ship's hold where an epidemic of a dread malady starts a reign of terror.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Penrod's Double Trouble". Thrills and spills once more for Penrod Schofield, when he gets Shanghai'd in a captive balloon and presents his parents with his double. Starring the Mauch Twins, Dick Purcell, Gene and Kathleen Lockhart and the gang.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Young Fugitives", with Dorthea Kent, Robert Wilcox, Clem Bevans, Henry Roquemore, Larry Blake, Mira McKinney and Tom Ricketts. A happy blend of comedy, tense drama, and young romance, filmed in an enticing country village setting is found in this picture. Davenport portrays the role of a lovable old Civil War Veteran who inherits \$50,000, which he proceeds to spend in a most unusual manner.



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I, Henrique da Luz of Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of change of ownership, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship, "LEE HONG" of Hong Kong, Official number 159,412 of gross tonnage 1097.29 tons, register tonnage 674.45 tons, heretofore owned by Li Sheng, 22 Pottinger Street, Hong Kong for the permission to change her name to "CHUNGSHAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong this 20th day of March, 1939.

(Signed) H. DA LUZ,

Secretary,

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE HONGKONG &
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 4th March, 1939.

THE HONGKONG
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March 1939, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
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General Managers,

The Hongkong Fire Insurance
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Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1939.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Wednesday, the 22nd. March, 1939 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of
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Blackwood Ware, Rattan Furniture, Teakwood Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Sideboards, Dining Tables, Chairs, Carpets, Rugs, Desks, Typewriter Tables, Cabinets, Divans, Bookcases, Electric Lamps, Fans and Heaters; Porcelain, Glass, Brass and Aluminium Ware, Cutlery, Pictures, Clocks, Cooking Utensils, etc., etc.

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LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 20th. March, 1939.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 24th. March, 1939

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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Connaught Road, Central,
Ground Floor.

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VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE

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also

A Few Pieces of Blackwood
Furniture

and

One Cash Register.

One Portable Typewriter "Underwood."

One "Smith" Typewriter.

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One Ashwood Bed Room Suite.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 27th. March, 1939, at NOON for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 16th. to 27th. March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of

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E. COCK,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st. March, 1939.



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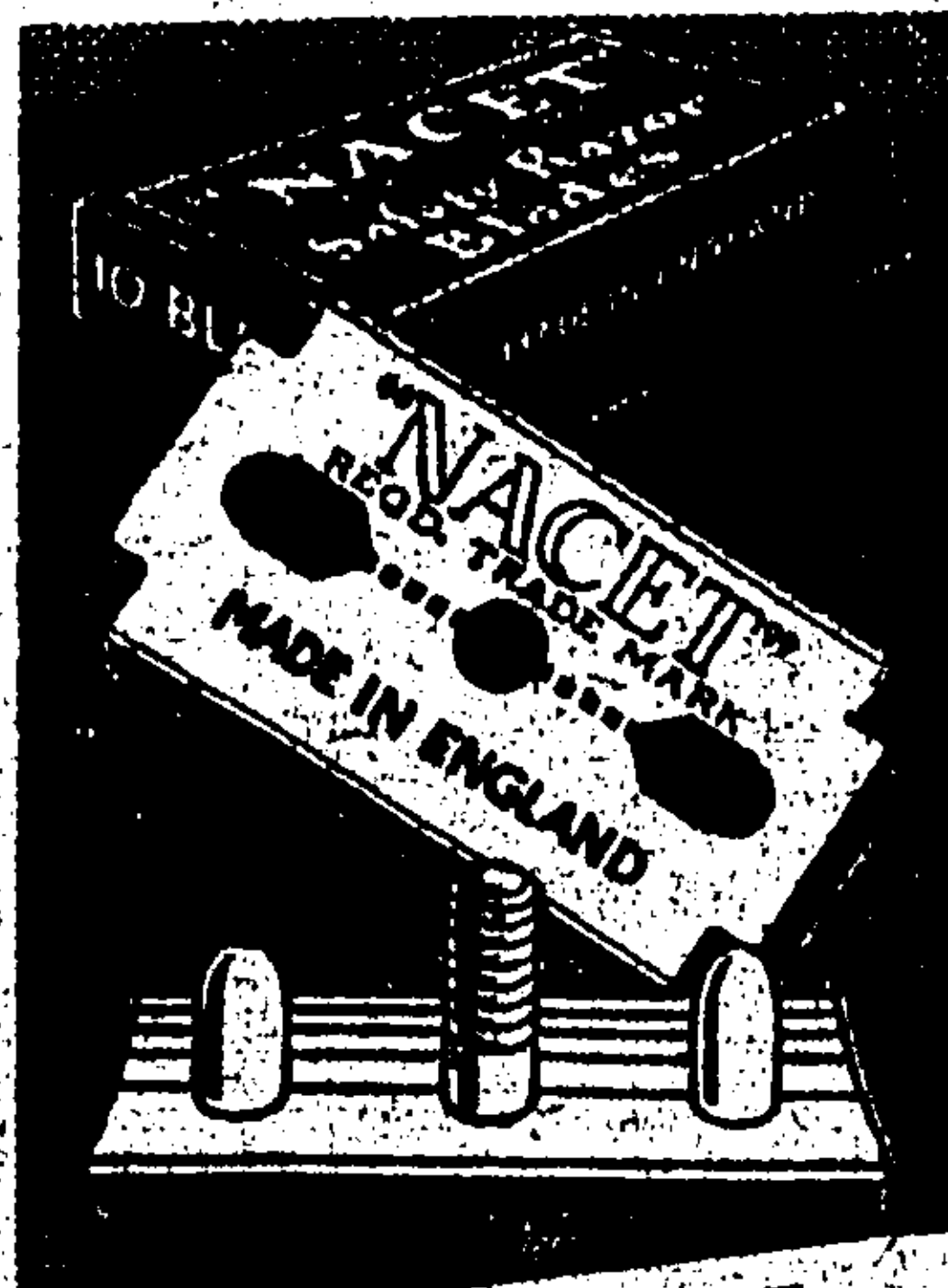
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Rome, To-day.

After the meeting of the Fascist Grand Council, which lasted two and three-quarter hours, the Council issued a communique declaring full adhesion to the Rome-Berlin Axis in the face of the threatened united front of the Democracies.—Reuter.

INTENSE ACTIVITY IN POLISH CAPITAL

Warsaw, To-day.

The buzz of diplomatic activity in the Polish capital continues unabated.

Visitors to the Foreign Ministry yesterday included M. Leon Noel, the French Ambassador, the Papal Nuncio, Monsignore Kortsei, the Italian and British Ambassadors and the Ministers of Belgium and Lithuania.

The latter discussed the Memel issue.

He subsequently reported to the Kovno Council of Ministers on his interview with the Polish Foreign Minister.

It is stated that the Ukrainian National Movement has protested against the incorporation of the Carpatho-Ukraine with Hungary.

It is reported that Britain is

BRITISH TRADE MISSION ENDS POLISH TASK

Warsaw, To-day.

The British Trade Mission to Poland had virtually concluded its task last evening.

The conversations were not confined to commercial relations between the two countries. There are reasons to believe that Mr. Hudson was authorised to place certain proposals of a political nature before the Polish Government.

Although official quarters remain reticent about lengthy conversations which Mr. Hudson had with Colonel Beck, it is rumoured that these revolved around suggestions of closer adhesion by Poland to the Anglo-French Pact.

In a communique issued by the British Delegation, it is stated that the talks led to satisfactory and positive results in regard to the Anglo-Polish Trade Treaty of 1935.

The question of a British loan to Poland is still under consideration by the City rather than by the British Government.

While part of the British Mission will remain in Warsaw to continue the negotiations, Mr. R. S. Hudson will continue to Moscow this morning.—Trans-Ocean.

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